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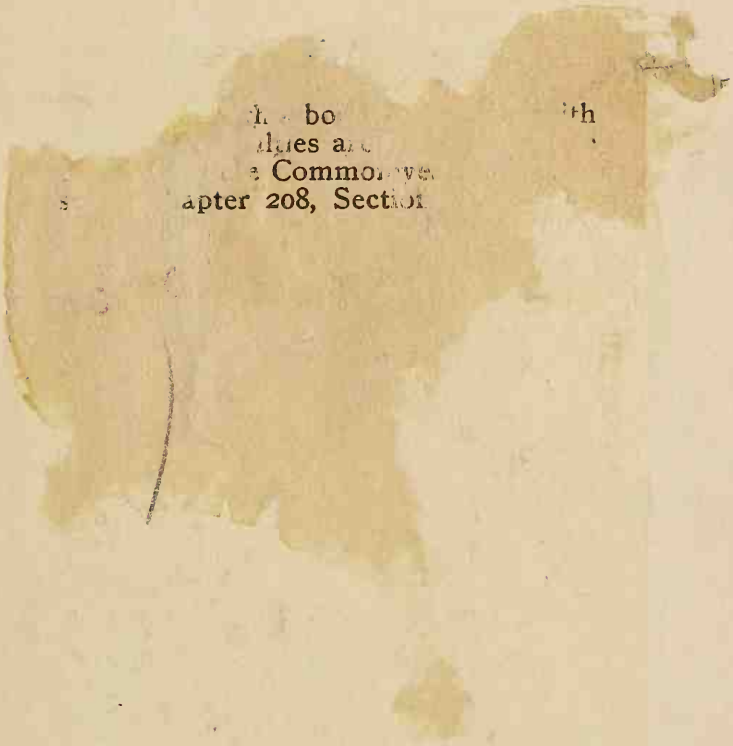

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PREFACE

In preparing this little volume I have endeavored with utmost fidelity to avoid errors in names and dates. Handwriting is often difficult to decipher. Various members of the family have not always agreed upon essential facts. I have travelled hundreds of miles, examined voluminous records, and spent no end of time and money. That I have escaped errors and written an infallible history is too much to hope.

This much, however, has been accomplished: Written records long buried have been unearthed. Oral recollections that must shortly perish with the passing of older members of the family are now in tangible form. To have assembled together this hitherto unwritten history is a satisfaction in itself.

But there is a deeper reason for the performance of this task. I do it as a tribute to the memory of my dear and sainted mother, Frances Williams Archer. The little hamlet of Great Pond, Plantation No. 33, was her home all her days. Here she lived and loved and suffered and died. The people whose family lines I have traced were her people, blood of her blood. Her ashes rest in the little cemetery with five of her children around her.

To her town, to her people, and to her memory this book is lovingly dedicated.

GLEASON L. ARCHER.

November 11, 1927.

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ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF JOSHUA WILLIAMS

Chapter I

A STORY OF STURDY NEW ENGLAND

The story of my great-great-grandfather, Joshua Williams, has never before been written. He lived in the heroic age of the American Revolution and played his part humbly, courageously and manfully. He was a soldier and bled for his country. He was a pioneer and endured hardship and privation. He was of the common people and not even a tombstone was reared over his grave when he was laid away ninety-four years ago in a family burying ground in the midst of his mowing field.

The descendants of Joshua Williams are scattered. The wilderness hamlet that he founded — Plantation No. 33, also known as Great Pond — is fading into decay. His very name was becoming legendary and the story of his life had passed out of human recollection even when the author was a child. None of his descendants could name Joshua's birthplace nor indicate the family from which he sprung.

Through months of research only, and the following of clues that too often ended nowhere, has the author been able to trace the authentic story of this man, of his ancestors and his descendants — in short, to describe a cross section of New England from the "Landing of the Pilgrims" to the present day.

The author was born in the wilderness hamlet of Joshua Williams. That the old patriarch was a Revolutionary soldier and came from China, Maine, was the sum total of family tradition. With these slender clues he set forth to search the musty records only to find that there were no records of China, Maine, that so much as mentioned his ancestor.

The Revolutionary records were at first equally discouraging. Joshua's name was not contained in the list of "Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution." That he received a pension, however, indicated that the War Department had some record of the old hero. The pension files yielded meagre information, but startling information at that. Joshua's residence at the time of enlistment was given as Middleborough, Mass.

Here, again, was a mystery. The town records and histories of Middleborough were silent. Not a trace of Joshua could be found. Williams families there were in adjoining towns and even in Mid-

dleborough itself. There were Joshuas in Taunton in Revolutionary days.

There was one Joshua in Taunton, the son of John Williams, duly authenticated a "Mayflower" descendant. The family record stated that this Joshua married Bethiah Clark of Abington, lived in Taunton for a time and then went to Maine.

It was a thrilling moment when the Abington records disclosed that Joshua Williams in his marriage intentions of April, 1771, stated that he lived in Middleborough. From that moment the author was sure that he had found his missing ancestors, and traced his line to the "Mayflower." But the secretary of the Mayflower Society was skeptical. Proof, not conjecture, was his watchword. To place the matter beyond future contradiction the author filed a formal application for membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Thus only could official verification be secured. Months were required to prove that the Joshua of Taunton and Middleborough was the same Joshua whose bones now repose in an unmarked grave in Plantation No. 33, Hancock County, Maine.

But proof was secured. The claim was allowed. The author's membership card, general society No. 9050, Massachusetts society No. 3064, is also a vindication of the apparently wild story of a half-demented old lady, Frances Williams Lord, that her grandfather, Joshua Williams, was himself a descendant of that noble company of the Pilgrim Fathers.

It established another even more notable thing, — that every native of the wilderness hamlet of the author's childhood — one hundred persons in all — was a descendant of the "Mayflower," and not a soul of them, save the old lady mentioned, was aware of the fact. All were descendants of Joshua Williams. Cut off from the outside world, in the midst of a trackless wilderness, this little community had existed for a hundred years, preserving the very customs, the folk songs and ring plays of Old England, as well as the blue laws of colonial New England, generations after the rest of Yankeeland had laid them aside.

It is well, therefore, that this story be preserved. The little settlement is now all but deserted. The forest is closing in upon its fields and pastures. Its tenantless houses speak of sturdy manhood and womanhood now sleeping in the hilltop cemetery. They speak of noisy school children now grown up and scattered far and wide.

Truly a Deserted Village — this wilderness hamlet of Joshua Williams.

Chapter II

ANCESTORS OF JOSHUA WILLIAMS

1. Thomas Rogers was the first American ancestor of Joshua Williams. He was one of that immortal company that gave to this Nation its first great lesson in democracy, — the "Mayflower" Compact. In Provincetown Harbor, on November 21, 1620, in the dim cabin of the "Mayflower," he participated in signing our first charter of liberty.

He was a Pilgrim Father indeed, for he brought with him to America his oldest son Joseph, then a mere lad, leaving other children, presumably of more tender years, in England. We may well imagine the care that the father lavished on his child amid the rigors of that terrible first winter of pestilence and privation at Plymouth.

All the world is familiar with the story of that winter and how, in Governor Bradford's words:

> So as ther dyed some times 2 or 3 of a day, in the aforesaid time; that of 100 & odd persons, scarce 50 remained. and of these in ye time of most distress ther was but 6 or 7 sound persons, who to their great commendations be it spoken, spared no pains, night nor day, but with abundance of toyle and hazard of their owne health, fetched them woode, made them fires, drest them meat, made their beads, washed their loathsome cloaths, cloathed & uncloathed them; in a word, did all ye homely & necessarie offices for them wch dainty & quesie stomachs cannot endure to hear named; and all this willingly and cheerfully, without any grudging in ye least, shewing herein their true love unto their friends & brethren

Governor Bradford then commends Elder Brewster and Myles Standish as having been two of seven who performed these services and escaped infection.

> And what I have said of these, I may say of many others who dyed in this generall vissitation, & others yet living, that whilst they had health, yea, or any strength continuing, they were not wanting to any that had need of them. And I doute not but their recompense is with ye Lord.[1]

In the appendix to his history,[2] written some thirty years after the settlement of Plymouth, Governor Bradford recounts the fate of each passenger of the "Mayflower." He writes thus concerning Thomas Rogers:

> Thomas Rogers dyed in the first sicknes, but his sone Joseph is still living, and is maried, and hath 6 children. The rest of Thomas Rogers (children) came over, & are maried, & have many children.

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[1] Bradford, History of Plymouth, p. 55.

[2] Page 537 of edition published by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1898.

Assuredly Thomas Rogers may be termed a martyr to the cause of religious liberty, one of those plain and unpretentious heroes who form the bulwark of every great cause.

Joseph Rogers, the youth who survived his father in the great pestilence, was not the ancestor of Joshua Williams. The line descends through

2. John Rogers, who was born in England and came to America after his father's death. He is called "John Rogers of Duxbury" in distinction from a contemporary "John Rogers of Marshfield." The Mayflower Society recognize John of Duxbury as the son of Thomas of the "Mayflower." [3]

John Rogers married, April 16, 1639, Ann Churchman,[4] daughter of Hugh Churchman, who was one of the early settlers of Lynn.[5] John was later one of the incorporators of Little Compton, R. I.

3. Anna Rogers, the daughter of John Rogers, married John Tisdale, Jr., of Taunton, November 23, 1664.[6] Tisdale was a son of John and Susan (Walker) Tisdale, one of the twenty-six original proprietors of Freetown. Tisdale died in December, 1677, and his widow made two other matrimonial ventures. Her second husband was Thomas Terry, and her third Samuel Williams.[7]

By her first husband Anna gave birth to several children.[8] Her eldest daughter

4. Abigail Tisdale married William Makepeace, December 2, 1685.[9] Their eldest child

5. Abigail Makepeace was born November 25, 1686.[10] She married Immanuel (also spelled Emanuell) Williams, one of the early settlers of Taunton. The date of this marriage is uncertain, but it probably occurred at about the time of the execution of a deed by William Makepeace to his son-in-law:

Immanuel Williams of Taunton, of fifty acres &c to be the portion of Immanuel and his wife Abigail, the daughter of the said William Makepeace.

This conveyance was dated June 10, 1703.[11]

Abigail died about 1724, but her husband Immanuel died five years

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[3] See Mayflower Descendants, vol. 5, p. 205, in which will be found the will of John Rogers.

[4] Mayflower Descendants, vol. 13, p. 85.

[5] Hugh Churchman's will was proved July 9, 1644.

[6] Mayflower Descendants, vol. 9, p. 172; Ellis, History of Rogers Family, p. 8. The marriage record of John Tisdale and Anna Rogers apparently by mistake spells her name "Hannah."

[7] Mayflower Descendants, vol. 17, p. 29; also vol. 19, p. 29. Will of Samuel Williams in New England Historical and Genealogical Register, October, 1909, p. 331.

[8] Abigail, b. July 15, 1667; John, b. August 10, 1669; Anna, b. January 27, 1673; Remember, b. July 8, 1675. Ellis, History of Rogers Family, p. 8.

[9] Marriages of Thomas Leonard, Esq., of Taunton, pp. 27, 28.

[10] Makepeace Genealogy, by William Makepeace, p. 37; also Freetown Town Records.

[11] See Bristol Deeds, vol. 8, p. 256.

before her death.[12] The inventory of the estate of "Emanuell Williams" was taken November 2, 1719. "Abigell" Williams was appointed administratrix, with William Makepeace and John Mason as sureties on her bond. The dwelling house and homestead was listed at £580.[12] After Abigail's death her father was appointed administrator *de bonis non.*

The settlement of Immanuel's estate shows that six children were left by Immanuel and Abigail: John, Gershom, Simeon, Anne, Lydia and Phœbe.

6. John Williams, the eldest son of Immanuel, was born about 1704. He lived in Taunton all his life. He married Elizabeth Caswell, by whom he had ten children.

The family record [13] contains the following:

CHILDREN, BORN IN TAUNTON

1. John Jr., born about 1728; married Rhoda Crowell of Chatham, Mass.
2. Elijah, married Ruth ——. It is thought that he moved to Hardwick, Mass.
3. Lemuel, married Sibyl Tisdale, March 15, 1764. He died in Raynham, Mass.
4. Jacob, married March 29, 1765, Sarah Deane; resided in Taunton, Middleborough and Williamsburg.
5. George, married 1765, Keziah Atwood; resided for a time in Middleborough.
6. Joshua, married 1777,[14] Bethiah Clark of Abington; resided for a time in Taunton; moved to Maine.
7. Silas, moved to Maine and married there.
8. Abigail, married January 4, 1759, Joshua Shaw; died April 8, 1801.
9. Elizabeth, married June 4, 1859, Jabez Eaton; resided in Middleborough.
10. Rachel, married Feb. 4, 1773, Jonathan French; resided in Berkeley; died in 1788.

John Williams died in 1780. His will bore the date of October 31, 1765, and was probated September 15, 1780.[15]

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[12] Mayflower Descendants, vol. 21, p. 136.

[13] New England Historical and Genealogical Register, vol. 57, p. 76.

[14] Abington and Bridgewater Records show this to have been 1771.

[15] Bristol Probate Records, vol. 26, p. 272.

Chapter III

JOSHUA WILLIAMS HIMSELF

Joshua Williams, seventh generation from "Mayflower," was born in Taunton, Mass., the son of John and Elizabeth (Caswell) Williams.[1] The exact date of his birth is uncertain, but when he applied for a pension April 20, 1818, he stated that he was seventy-one years old. This would indicate that he was born in the year 1747.

He was one of ten children, but there are no birth dates in the family records. It seems, also, to have been the custom in colonial records to list the sons first. Daughters of whatever age came at the end of the list. The first daughter of the family married in January, 1759. The first recorded marriage of any of the sons was that of Lemuel, the third son, March 15, 1764, when Joshua apparently was seventeen. Allowing for the usual two years between children of colonial families, this would place Lemuel at twenty-one.

Another fact bearing upon the birth date of Joshua is contained in the Abington Vital Records, showing that Bethiah Clark, whom Joshua later married, was born October 25, 1751.[2] This would indicate that the groom was somewhat over four years older than the bride, thus conforming to the usual tendency of mating humanity.

But there is another significant date that further confirms the date previously indicated as the year of Joshua's birth. He was married May 30, 1771,[3] to Bethiah Clark, which would make him twenty-four, and the bride herself between nineteen and twenty.

Joshua displayed in many ways that independence of spirit so characteristic of his family of pioneers. Although his father, John Williams, was one of the most substantial citizens of Taunton, nevertheless, Joshua, even before his marriage, established a residence in the adjoining town of Middleborough. This is evidenced by a deed[4] executed January 21, 1771, and signed by "Joshua Williams of Middleboro and Silas Williams of Taunton." By this deed they conveyed nine acres of land in Taunton to their older brother Lemuel Williams for a consideration of £29.

It has already been observed that in the marriage record of May 30, 1771, Joshua claimed residence in Middleborough. It is significant, also, and indicative of the inherent temperament of the young man, that he should choose Bridgewater as the place of marriage.

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[1] See New England Historical and Genealogical Register, vol. 57, p. 76.

[2] "Bethia Clark d of Benjamin & Bethia, Oct. 25, 1751." Abington Births, p. 47, New England Historical Society, 1912, Abington, Mass., vol. I.

[3] Quite obviously the date given in the Williams family record as 1777 (New England Historical and Genealogical Register, vol. 57, p. 76) is erroneous. Middleborough Records (old records, Book 2, p. 187) show that he was published in the following way: "Joshua Williams of Middleborough and Bethiah Clark of Abington February 23, 1771."

The Abington Records (Abington Marriages, p. 49, New England Historical Society, 1912, Abington, Mass., vol. II) give the following: "Bethia Clark (int. Bethiah Clarke) and Joshua Williams of Middleboro (int. Middleboro) May 30, *1770* (*sic*) (Int. Feb. 22, 1771) in Bridgewater."

The discrepancy in dates is dispelled by consulting the Bridgewater Vital Records, in which the date of the marriage is fixed as of May 30, 1771.

[4] Bristol County Deeds, vol. 62, p. 565.

It would be natural to expect the ceremony to occur at the home of the bride's parents in Abington, or at the home of John Williams in Taunton, or at Joshua's own home in Middleborough. Why did he choose Bridgewater as the scene of his nuptials? The answer is doubtless less difficult than the later one of why in 1784 he exchanged a life of comparative affluence in Taunton for the rigors of pioneer life in the then wilderness of Maine.

As a Revolutionary Soldier

The next written record of Joshua Williams in point of time is contained in the Pension Office in Washington, showing that in January, 1776, Joshua enlisted in the Patriot Army and served for one year under a Captain Allen, in the regiment of a Colonel Ward.

The fact that the pension claim was allowed is sufficient evidence of this service, but, owing to the fact that many military records of the War for Independence were lost, there is no printed record of Joshua's service. He was not in any of the local militia companies, but evidently enlisted in the continental army. His pension application states that he participated in the Long Island campaign, which, of course, included the battle of Long Island and the great strategic retreat into New Jersey and Delaware.

A firmly grounded family tradition exists that he participated in the battle of Bunker Hill and was there seriously wounded by a musket ball through the hips. In my childhood I heard this story from my grandmother and from my great-aunt, Frances K. Lord, both of whom were grand-daughters of the old soldier. "Aunt Fanny," in fact, was a girl of eight or ten years when her grandfather died, and the old man during his last years lived in the household of his son Simeon, the father of the two women.

There was a Colonel Artemus Ward whose troops participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. There was also a Colonel Jonathan Ward who commanded the Twenty-first Regiment of Infantry in the battle of Long Island.

It appears from the Pension Records that Joshua's statement of service in 1776 was corroborated by an affidavit from Ezra Clark to the effect that he and Joshua Williams, together with two other Middleborough men, Eliab Alden and Isaac Perkins, served in Captain Allen's company from January, 1776, to January, 1777. Yet none of the four soldiers are included in the roster of "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution."

Joshua's scars of battle were very real, for during the last fifteen years of his life he suffered greatly from his war-time wounds.

1777 to 1784

During the seven years following Joshua's return from the Long Island campaign he apparently devoted himself with some degree of success to farming, and certainly during the latter part of that period, to the operation of a gristmill. In November, 1777, he pur-

chased from his brother Silas fourteen acres of land.[5] He, as well as his brothers, apparently profited by the generosity of his father, John Williams, during the latter's lifetime, for his will[6] recited concerning each: "I also give him and confirm all those lands I conveyed him by deed of gift dated October 30th current to him and his heirs and assigns forever." To Joshua and Silas in equal shares the father bequeathed his cattle, sheep and swine. John Williams died about 1780.

For several years after his father's death Joshua resided in Taunton. But the pioneer blood of his family quite evidently prompted him to join the great movement then under way for the colonization of the vast territory of Maine. Massachusetts was trying to turn to account this possession of hers, greater in extent than Vermont,

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[5] Bristol Deeds, vol. 60, p. 500.

[6] The will, recorded in Bristol County Registry of Probate, vol. 26, p. 272, is as follows:

"*In the name of God amen*, I John Williams of Taunton in ye County of Bristol This Thirty first Day of October in ye sixth year of his Majesties Reign Annoque Domini 1765: Being of sound memory and Disposing mind Blessed be God there for and Calling to mind the mortallty of my Body and that it is appointed for man once to Die Do make and ordain this to be my Last will & Testament; and first of all I Committ my soul in to ye hand of God Relying on him Through Christ for salvation and my Body to ye Earth for Christian Burial at ye Discresion of my Execr here after named; and after Just Debts and funuarl Charges paid I Dispose of ye worldly Estate God has Blessed me with in manner and form following viz

First I Give to my beloved Wife Elisabeth over and above what is mentioned in Two Deeds Given my sons: I now Give her one Cow and over above one Third of all my personal Estate for Ever after Just Debts are paid: and my will further is That my Two sons Lemuel and Jacob Williams Take special Care of sd wife for her Honourable support sd wife to hold sd Third part Dureing her natural Life of sd movables I Give to my son John Williams of Rochester Two Shillings to be paid him by my son Lemuel: and all the Lands and premises I have here to fore Given sd John by Deed of Gift I Ratifie and Confirm ye same to him ye sd Land Lays Part in Middleborough and part in Rochester in ye County of Plymouth & Consists of about Eighty or ninty acres

I Give to my son Elisah Williams of Middleborough Two Shillings to be paid by my son Lemuel Williams: and I also Ratife and Confirm to sd Elisah his heirs and assigns all that Land Laying in Middleborough which I Gave him a Deed of Gift Dated on or about ye 26th Day of October currant all which Land and premises I Ratifie & Confirm to him his heirs & assigns

I Give to my son Lemuel Williams Two Shillings and I Ratifie and Confirm to him his heirs and assigns all those Land and premises I Gave him in my homestead farm in Taunton as may appear by a Deed of Gift Dated the 30th of October Instant

I Give and Bequeath to my son Jacob Williams his heirs and assigns all those Land I Conveyed him by one Deed of Gift Dated 30th of October Instant: I also Give him Two shillings to be paid by my son Lemuel

I Give and Bequeath to my son George Williams of Middlebury two shillings to be paid him by my son Lemuel Williams I also Ratifie and Confirm to him sd George his heirs & assigns all those Land I Conveyed him Laying in Middlebury as per sd Deed of Gift Dated on or about ye 26th of October Currant

I Give to my son Joshua Williams the one half of my Cattle sheep & swine I shall Die Seized of not other ways Disposed of in this will I also Give him and Confirm all those Lands I Conveyed him by Deed of Gift Dated October 30th Currant to him his heirs and assigns for Ever I also Give him the twenty four pounds ye Condition of a Bond Lemuel Williams Gave yesterDay for ye use of sd Joshua

I Give to my son Silas Williams one half of my Cattle sheep and Swine not before Disposed of in This Will. I also Ratifie & Confirm to sd Silas all those Land I Gave him a Deed of Gift of ye 30th Currant; and also Give to sd Silas all that money in ye Condition of a bond Dated ye 30th of October Currant which Jacob Williams Gave Conditioned for ye payment of Twenty four pounds to be paid sd Silas for his use

I Give to my Daughter Abgail Wife Joshua Shaw of Middleborough to Elisabeth Wife of Jebez Eaton and Rachel Williams Single woman all and singular the Indore Goods and Chattles That I shall Die seized of to be Divied (not otherways Disposed of) in this will to be Divided in manner following viz. first Rachel my Daughter to take to ye amount of Twenty six pounds 13s & four pence out. and Then ye Remainder to be Equally Divided between sd Three Daughter one third Each at time of my Decease and that part of ye movable Estate I have given my wife Dureing her term at her Decease that Remains undisposed of by sd wife I Give to be a Like Equally divided amonge sd Three Daughters

And I Do hereby appoint my Two sons Lemuel and Jacob Williams Execrs to this my will and Lemuel to pay Two Thirds of my Just Debts and Jacob one Third part of sd Debts and they to Receive my Credits and I Do hereby Ratifie and Confirm this & no other to be my Last will and in Witness and Confirmation I have set my hand & seal ye Day and Date first above mention

Signed sealed Delivered pronounced & Declared to be ye Last will & Testament of John Williams in presence of us — JOHN WILLIAMS. Seal.

JAMES WILLIAM JUR
SUSANNA WILLIAMS
JAMES WILLIAMS"

New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined. It was a wilderness studded with great rivers and lakes, with virgin forests of valuable timber stretching from the ocean to the borders of Canada. Fish and game in unlimited abundance awaited the pioneer.

Small wonder that Joshua Williams felt the lure of the new country and yielded to the persuasions of its promoters. The following conveyances bear eloquent testimony to the thoroughgoing way in which Joshua and Bethiah Williams "burned their bridges" behind them by converting their Massachusetts property into cash before embarking on that sad and tragic venture in Maine.

On March 22, 1784, Joshua conveyed to his brother George Williams —

> Several pieces of land together with my Dwelling House, Gristmill, and all other Buildings thereon, the first peice is that whereon my Dwelling House Stands & Contains Fifty Eight Acres more or less, Forty of which I purchased of Jonathan French by Deed Dated October 3d, 1777, Eighteen Acres I purchased of Silas Williams by Deed referance to said Deeds being had for ye particular Bounds thereof. Also Four Acres and half of Land which I purchased of said Jonathan French by the Deed afores, with ye Prevelidges thereto belonging, and lies on ye Easterly side of ye way. Together with Ten Acres of Land more or less which I purchased of William Williams by Deed Dated January 25th, A.D. 1779, referance being had to said Deed for the perticular Bounds thereof, and what is hereby Conveyed is all my Lands & Buildings in sd Taunton which was formerly my fathers & said Wm. Williams.[7]

On April 6, 1784, Joshua and Silas Williams conveyed to Elijah Burt thirty-five acres of land.[8] On the same date Joshua conveyed to Joshua Caswell twenty-eight acres of land.[9]

On April 13, 1784, Joshua conveyed to Samuel Holmes fourteen acres of land, but for some reason Bethiah's name does not appear on this deed as releasing dower.[10]

On September 2, 1784, Joshua and Silas conveyed to Micah Leonard fifty-four acres of land.[11] On September 14, 1784, Joshua apparently completed the task of disposing of his real estate, for on that date he and Silas conveyed to their brother Lemuel Williams four acres of cedar swamp in Middleborough. Strange as it may seem, this deed was not recorded until sixty years later.[12]

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[7] This conveyance was drawn January 23, 1783, but never acknowledged until March, 1784. See Bristol Deeds, vol. 62, p. 542.

[8] Bristol Deeds, vol. 62, p. 320.

[9] Bristol Deeds, vol. 62, p. 321.

[10] Bristol Deeds, vol. 62, p. 534.

[11] Bristol Deeds, vol. 63, p. 23.

[12] The deed reads as follows:
"*Know all Men by these presents* that we Joshua Williams & Silas Williams both of Taunton in ye County of Bristol yeomans, in consideration of Three Hundred Silver Dollers paid us by Elijah Burt of sd Taunton Grant, The receipt whereof we do hereby acknowlidge, do hereby grant, bargain sell & Convey to him ye said Elijah Burt, his heirs & assigns forever, A Certain Tract of Land in sd Taunton, containing by Estemation Thirty five Acres, and is to Bound as follows viz. Beginning at a stake & heap of stones on ye Westward side of ye Island Road so called, and a little Eastward of Turtle Pond, then running Easterly & Bounding on sd Road Seventy two rods from sd stake & Stones, and to extend so far & back from sd Road on our Land as to make sd Thirty five Acres in as Square a figure as may be continuing ye width of Seventy two rods, the Westerly side Line & Easterly side Line to be parralell.

Emigration to Maine

Considerable mystery exists as to the exact movements of Joshua Williams from September, 1784, to the founding of Plantation No. 33 in eastern Maine more than twenty years later. Family tradition fixes his residence as China, Me. The first census of the United States in 1790 records a Joshua Williams as head of a family in Jones Plantation in the District of Maine.

Investigation reveals interesting facts: The town register of "Sidney, Vassalboro, China and Albion" contains the following:

The town of China justly boasts a varied and interesting history. It was first known as Jones Plantation from the name of "Black" Jones of Gardiner, who with Abraham Burrell surveyed the township.[13]

In this same volume is a chronological list of important events from which the following extract is made:

1773. John Jones and Abraham Burrell surveyed China, laying out 32,000 acres divided into farms of approximately 200 acres each.

1774. Ephriam Clark selected lots 39 and 40 and built his house on the Sumner Hawes farm. Clark's three brothers, Jonathan, Edmund and Andrew and their brother in law, George Fish, secured lots and apparently the parents of these pioneers lived with Ephriam Clark.[14]

Although no mention of Joshua Williams has been found by the author in the fragmentary records of the period, it is safe to conclude that he was for many years a resident in that section now known as China, Me.

When we consider the fact that Joshua's wife was Bethiah Clark, and that the town was settled by Clarks, we may perhaps be justified in assuming that they were of the same kindred. This may account for the original migration of the Williams family from Taunton in 1784.

To Have and to Hold said thirty five Acres of Land to him ye said Elijah Burt his heirs and assigns to his & their only use & Behoof forever, and we do covenant to & with him ye said Elijah that we are Lawfully Seized in fee of ye Premises, that they are free of all Incumbrances, and that we have good right to sell & Convey the same as aforesd, and we the said Joshua & Silas do hereby bind ourSelves, our heirs Executors & admrs to Warrant & Defend ye above Bargained Premises with their appurtenances to him said Elijah Burt his heirs and assigns forever against ye Lawful Claims & demands of all persons Whatsoever, and I Bethiah the wife of the above named Joshua Williams, do hereby acquit my right of Dower in the above described Premises to him sd Elijah his heirs and assigns.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & Seals this Sixth day of April in ye year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty four. — 1784.

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in presence of us
PHILIP PADELFORD
JAMES WILLIAMS

JOSHUA WILLIAMS (s)
SILAS WILLIAMS (s)
BETHIAH WILLIAMS (s)

BRISTOL ss. April 6th, 1784, then the within Named Joshua Williams & Silas Williams appeared and acknowlidged this within instrument to be their act and Deed Before

JAMES WILLIAMS *Justice of Peace.*

Received April 6th, 1784, and Recorded by me

JAMES WILLIAMS *Regr."*

[13] Register, p. 24.

[14] Register, p. 27.

However high the hopes of fortune that may have actuated Joshua Williams in exchanging his prosperous condition in Taunton for the allurements of Maine, it is certain that those hopes were never fulfilled. The money that he had realized from the sale of his Massachusetts properties quite obviously vanished during the years. Shortly after the new century dawned we find him in his old age undertaking a new venture at colonization.

Chapter IV

THE BINGHAM PURCHASE AND SETTLEMENT OF PLANTATION NO. 33

In order to dispose of wild lands in Maine and to add to its treasury in the process, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1786 instituted a great land lottery.[1] Two thousand seven hundred and twenty lottery tickets of the value of £64 each were offered. Fifty townships of six miles square, east of the Penobscot River, were offered as prizes, — fifteen in the eastern division, thirty in the middle division, and five in the northern division. Township No. 33 was in the middle division.

The lottery scheme would have netted Massachusetts a considerable sum had it succeeded, but it proved a dismal failure.[2] William Bingham, a wealthy merchant and banker of Philadelphia, drew some of the townships and was persuaded to purchase all the lottery townships not taken by others.

The conveyance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to William Bingham was dated January 28, 1793. The deed contained the following provisions:

> The within deed delivered in *escrow* to be given to William Bingham, his heirs or attorney, upon production of a certificate from the treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that one hundred and seventy six settlers were placed on the 2,000,000 acres of land sold by the said Commonwealth to said Bingham on or before the first day of July 1798.

The deed apparently was delivered on schedule time, for it was recorded in the Registry of Deeds in Hancock County, Maine, September 1, 1794.[3] A power of attorney to General David Cobb of Taunton, Mass., was later placed on record. He was to act as agent of William Bingham in the "sale and oversight of the lands granted in Eastern Maine."

In the life of General David Cobb, in the "Bangor Historical Magazine," [4] it is stated that General Cobb was appointed in 1795 and immediately assumed his duties. He remained in Gouldsboro, Me., until 1820, when he returned to his old home in Taunton. Doubtless before that date he had surrendered his heavy duties as agent of the Bingham estate to his son-in-law, Colonel John Black. General Cobb died April 17, 1830.

The fact that General Cobb settled in Taunton as a practicing physician in 1766, and was active in town affairs until the Revolution, leads to the conclusion that he must have been well acquainted

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[1] For legislation thereon see Acts and Resolves of the Massachusetts Legislature for November 9, 1786, and June 20, 1788.

[2] See Varney's Gazatter of Maine, p. 119, and Williamson's History of Maine, vol. 2, p. 531.

[3] Hancock County Deeds, vol. 2, p. 537; re-recorded in vol. 21, p. 302.

[4] July and August, 1888, p. 3.

with Joshua Williams. Possibly it was that friendship that led the venturesome Joshua at sixty years of age to attempt to colonize a township at the headwaters of Union River, in the county of Hancock, one of the townships over which General Cobb had oversight.

Settlement of Great Pond

All accounts agree that Joshua Williams was the founder of Plantation No. 33, known as Great Pond, on the west branch of Union River. It is situated in the midst of a vast wilderness of forest at the end of the road, the farthest outpost of civilization in the northern reaches of Hancock County. It is thirty-two miles easterly from Bangor, and about thirty-three miles north of Ellsworth.

The date of the founding for many years has been erroneously recorded as 1810.[5] The author's investigations have completely disproved this date, but unfortunately have not been able to establish the correct one. That the hamlet was settled some years previous to 1810 is evident from the deed by which the Bingham estate for $20,360 conveyed Township No. 33 to Joseph Tilden of Boston on February 4, 1810.

In the conveyance, after identifying the property conveyed as Township No. 33 in the middle division containing 23,040 acres, there was a reservation of various lots "including five several lots of 160 acres each now occupied by sundry settlers, viz.: Lots No. 9 and No. 10 in the first range lying south of the great pond, also lots No. 8, No. 9, No. 10 in the next range adjoining as appears from a plan of the eastern half of No. 33, laid down and run by Benjamin Kimball, surveyor, in the year 1809." [6]

Inasmuch as this section of Maine is a comparatively inaccessible place in the dead of winter, and no settler however rash would think of laying down a settlement at such a time, it is evident that this hamlet must have been in existence some time prior to February 4, 1810. The further fact that the deed of conveyance was drawn in far-away Philadelphia, and that the rights of the settlers were so definitely recognized, is proof positive that the founding of Great Pond considerably antedated 1810.

The recital of a survey in 1809 of the lands which the settlers had selected might also indicate that they were on the ground and had staked their claims before the arrival of an official surveyor.

The identity of the settlers occupying the five lots is of course problematical. The lots were large. There may have been more than five claimants. If there were merely that number it is possible that we have a clue to their identity: first, Joshua Williams; second, Silas Williams, a brother of Joshua; third, Simeon Williams, a son

[5] The Annual Register of Maine for 1925–26, at page 722, contains the following concerning Great Pond:

"No. 33 Plantation

Thirty-two miles n ne of Bangor. First settled by Joshua Williams in 1810. Organized into a plantation in 1840. Population, 1870=102 1880=118 1890=112 1900=82 1910=54 1900, Polls 27 1910, Polls 19."

[6] Hancock County Deeds, vol. 28, p. 276.

of Joshua; fourth, Clark Williams, another son; fifth, John Collar from China, Me., a son-in-law of the leader of the expedition.

This supposition is based in part upon a statement dictated in Chelsea, Me., by Louisa Williams, the widow of George Williams, March 22, 1911, two weeks before her death at the age of eighty-five. George Williams himself was one of the first children born in Great Pond. Louisa came to the place as a bride about 1843, when the early history of the hamlet must have been well known to the early inhabitants, for Louisa's father-in-law, Simeon, one of the original settlers, lived for fifteen years after that date.

The aged woman's statement was somewhat rambling and confused. Her granddaughter, Olive Williams, wrote it out at her request. That portion relating to the founding is as follows:

> His father [Simeon's father, Joshua] and mother, also his father's brother Silas and sister Sarah,[7] in company with John Collar and his family moved to Plantation No. 33, then a wilderness. They came from Bangor in an ox-team, through the woods on a spotted line.[8] They built themselves log houses. The government[9] having promised to give them land and a certain sum of money [which they didn't get] if they would start a settlement there.

The spotted trail through the forest indicates that scouts had been there ahead of them. Fortunately we are able to identify those earlier visitors to the hamlet as Simeon and Clark Williams, sons of Joshua.

No one statement tells the whole story, but in January, 1915, Mrs. James F. Emery, a granddaughter of Simeon, prepared for a Bangor newspaper a "Brief History of Great Pond," evidently based upon her late mother's recollections of early days, and possibly upon her own knowledge, for she was fifteen years of age at the death of her grandfather, Simeon, one of the scouts who blazed the trail from Bangor.

Mrs. Emery falls into the prevailing error of fixing the date of founding after the sale of the township to Joseph Tilden, whereas the deed of conveyance definitely establishes the founding as having occurred as early as 1809 and perhaps earlier. There are other pardonable inaccuracies in her story, a part of which reads as follows:

> In about 1811 the township of No. 33, a part of the Bingham purchase, was owned by Squire Tilden of Boston who offered brilliant inducements with many promises of good times to come, to those who had courage enough to brave the dangers of pioneer life. A party from Massachusetts,[10] among whom were Simeon and Clark Williams, came through an unbroken forest and landed at the foot of Great Pond. Simeon felled the forest tree. They commenced clearing about forty rods from the pond choosing the highest

[7] There is no daughter of that name in the known list of ten children of John Williams. Possibly this was the wife of Silas.

[8] Spotted on tree trunks with an axe by slicing off on two sides a portion of bark and leaving a white spot so that in following the line from either direction one spotted tree can be seen from another in unbroken succession.

[9] Doubtless meaning General Cobb, the agent of the Bingham estate.

[10] The author's investigations lead him to believe that whoever were in the party doubtless came from China, Me., as representatives of Joshua Williams to whom General Cobb had perhaps offered the honor of settling the township.

land,[11] erected a log cabin or two and went back with a favorable report of this part of the Pine Tree State.

Clark Williams and his father, Joshua, a Revolutionary soldier from Rhode Island,[12] John Collar from China, Me., Mr. Dyke, a half-brother of Addison Dodge and a few other families came here with a view to settlement.

After a few years Mr. Tilden sold out to John Black.[13] His promise of roads, mills and settlers proved a failure. Discouraged, all went back to their native lands except three families, Joshua Williams, his son Clark and John Collar.

Thus we have two statements made within four years of each other in far distant towns, without collaboration of any sort, that are in substantial agreement on the main facts of the settlement of Great Pond.

But we also have a statement from Mrs. Ezra N. Williams[14] of Bangor, Me., made in January, 1927, in which the following occurs:

Joshua Williams came to Plantation No. 33 because he was a millman, on the promises that twenty families would be added to the settlement, mills erected and homes built to provide for a great many more, which no doubt appealed to a man who knew lumbering thoroughly and had a grown-up family of boys. The "bubble" burst and we know what followed, — the hardships, the log cabin in the rocky wilderness, the disappointments and his appeal to his sons for aid.

Joshua Williams built his cabin on the gentle westerly slope of the great oval hill lying between five ponds that border it in a semi-circular string, Great Pond being much larger than the other four. One of the mysteries concerning Joshua Williams' life in Plantation No. 33 is the fact that not a single conveyance of land is on record in Hancock County with his name attached. In fact, there is not a single conveyance of land in the hamlet on record prior to 1864. It is significant that the first records were of mortgages.

There is a tragic story here involved. The humble and ignorant descendants of Joshua Williams were then, nearly sixty years after the founding, summoned by the newly appointed trustees of the estate of John Black to pay for their several holdings. Not being able to produce title deeds some of them were obliged to give mortgages to the trustees, and to toil weary years to work off their indebtedness.

The tragedy of the affair lies in this: The author's investigations indicate that the Black estate *never had title to the lots in question,* since they were undoubtedly the very lots specifically reserved in

[11] Considerably more than forty rods — nearly half a mile if they selected the highest land.

[12] This statement caused the author no end of trouble in unearthing the facts, for it has no genuine basis of truth. Mrs. Emery's mother, Frances K. Lord, was a peculiar old lady in her last years. She desperately desired to establish relationship to Roger Williams, and not knowing where Joshua came from hit upon Rhode Island, which was founded by Roger Williams.

[13] Here she is quite evidently confused, for the Registry of Deeds of Hancock County show that the sale to John Black occurred November 10, 1847. See Hancock Deeds, vol. 82, p. 385.

[14] Mrs. Williams is "Dana" Williams, an aunt of the author. She is a daughter of Samuel and Harriet (Williams) Archer. She married her first cousin, who was a son of James, the oldest son of Simeon Williams. James lived many years with his daughter-in-law. Mrs. Williams probably knows more of the family history than any other living member.

the conveyance of February 4, 1810,[15] whereby the Bingham estate conveyed the Plantation to Joseph Tilden, the predecessor in title of Black. Unless the Bingham estate had already conveyed these "five several lots of 160 acres each now occupied by settlers," there was no reason why the entire Plantation should not have passed to the new owner. Doubtless these conveyances were unrecorded and were finally lost or destroyed, with the result that the unfortunate descendants of the original settlers were obliged to buy their farms all over again.

A circumstance that strengthens this supposition of unrecorded conveyances from the Bingham estate is the fact that on March 26, 1825, Joshua Williams conveyed to James Williams, his grandson, "one half of the undivided lot No. 9 sixth range, Township No. 33 & also the one half of lot 9 fifth range" intending thereby to create an entailed estate in the blood of the said James.

James was then a child of twelve years. The deed was never recorded and James was probably unaware of its existence to the day of his death, for it was found a few years ago in some old papers belonging to Frances K. Lord, a sister of James, who in turn had found it in the effects of her mother after the latter's death in 1877. Until it came to the author's attention, within a year, doubtless no one had recognized its character.

Now Joshua Williams was a business man of much experience. That he would attempt to convey land to which he had no title is unthinkable. The unfortunate part of the affair was that the disorganized state of the wilderness of eastern Maine encouraged fatal delays in recording deeds, with the result that later owners of the township, perhaps innocently, imposed great hardships upon the poverty-ridden dwellers on the barren hillside known as Great Pond.

[15] Hancock County Registry of Deeds, vol. 28, p. 276.

Chapter V

LAST DAYS OF JOSHUA WILLIAMS

Very little is known of the last twenty-four years of Joshua's life. He continued to reside in the little hamlet, and quite evidently made a brave struggle to support his wife and minor children. That he was an invalid and that the hardships of the wilderness bore heavily upon him is apparent from the fact that he applied for a pension immediately after the act of Congress of March, 1818, providing for pensions of disabled and needy veterans of the Revolutionary War.

His application for a pension was filed April 20, 1818, and was promptly allowed. The application recited the following: "Joshua Williams of Tilden's Plantation, on Union River, Penobscot County Maine, yeoman aged 71."

The error as to county is easily explainable. The county boundaries in this vast wilderness were then vague indeed. Bangor was the shire town of Penobscot County, and apparently all of Joshua's business affairs were conducted in Bangor. It was natural for him to suppose that he lived in Penobscot County.

From the pension records we may gain some definite information concerning the old soldier, and also concerning Bethiah Williams, his devoted helpmate.

Nov 2, 1818, Martin Kinsley, J. C. C. P. [Judge court of Common Pleas(?)] Penobscot County testified. Well acquainted with Joshua Williams who was aged and very infirm and has a sick wife to provide for.

This was evidently near the date of Bethiah's death, for in the next pension entry, September 19, 1820, there is no mention of a wife, but there is a mention of a daughter twenty years of age as the only child living with him.

It is known from family tradition in Great Pond that after the death of Joshua's wife his condition grew steadily worse. His wartime wounds now made him quite helpless, and his son Simeon, then in prosperous circumstances in New Brunswick, was summoned home to care for his father. Simeon brought with him his wife and four small children, the oldest then about ten years of age.

In the home that Simeon provided, the old soldier lived out the remaining days of his life. The date of his death is uncertain. The last pension payment was made March 4, 1833. Death must have occurred during that year.

Thus closed the chapter of adventure that began so bravely. Joshua and Bethiah Williams had followed the rainbow to its end. Today they sleep in unknown graves in what was once their mowing field in Great Pond. A small grove of evergreen trees has covered the site, and no person in passing the place would suspect it to be the last resting place of the founders of the hamlet.

Children of Joshua Williams

To Joshua and Bethiah (Clark) Williams were born the following children (this may not be the order of births):

1. CLARK, born in 1773,[1] probably in Middleborough, Mass.; one of the original settlers of Great Pond; moved to Clifton, Me., in 1836; died in Clifton May 1, 1861.
2. MARY,[2] born ——; died January 15, 1859;[3] married John Collar, who died in 1854.[4]
3. SIMEON, born 1782[5] (according to age on tombstone). He died in Great Pond May 1, 1858, age seventy-six years; one of the original settlers of Great Pond.
4. JOSHUA, Jr., went to New Brunswick probably in 1810 or 1811; was a very successful lumberman; said to have been murdered for his money.[6]
5. BERTHA. No information concerning her.
6. BETSY. Said to have married a Peter Schuyler.[7]

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[1] Dates of birth and death furnished by Mary A. Williams.

[2] This name on list by Louisa Williams previously quoted.

[3] Information furnished by Nathan R. Collar of Franklin, Me.

[4] Information from W. A. Collar, Chelsea, Me.

[5] Louisa Williams stated that he was born in 1776.

[6] An interesting bit of evidence concerning Joshua, Jr., is contained in an undated affidavit executed by Judah West and George M. Silsby as "assessors of Plantation No. 33." (So far as known neither lived in Great Pond. Silsby certainly lived in Aurora. Because the Plantation was not organized the custom doubtless was for the officials of the next adjoining town to take jurisdiction.) Quite obviously the document was prepared for the use of Simeon when he went to New Brunswick, after his brother's tragic death, to look up his reputed wealth which had quite vanished. The affidavit reads as follows:

"STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF HANCOCK — TILDEN PLANTATION, SO CALLED, ON UNION RIVER. —

We the subscribers assessors of said Plantation do hereby certify that Joshua Williams and Bethiah Williams wife of said Joshua are inhabitants of this place and that they had a son according to our best knowledge and beliefe which we knew to be such as far as we know any man's & woman's son by the name of Joshua Williams Junior who, if now living, would be about twenty seven years of age. Said Joshua left this place about five years since and went into the British Dominions about that time — as it was said.

Signed JUDAH WEST, GEO. M. SILSBY } *Assessors of said Plantation*"

[7] Information furnished by Myra E. Jackson, who also gave two other names, Lois and Jane.

Chapter VI

THE CLARK AND MARY WILLIAMS BRANCHES

Clark Williams Branch

CLARK WILLIAMS (*Joshua*[1]).

Clark Williams was the oldest son of Joshua and Bethiah (Clark) Williams. He was born in 1773. He was one of the original settlers of Great Pond, but in 1836 removed to Clifton, where he died May 1, 1861. He was twice married. The name of his first wife is unknown. She died in Great Pond and is buried in the old cemetery.

Children [1]

1. Bethiah, died at age of 18.
2. Simeon, born January 6, 1818; died May 1, 1906 (see below).
3. Joshua, moved to Aroostook County.
4. Betsy, married Henry Davis.
5. Sarah, married Joseph Dow. No children.

He married as his second wife Betsy Barker of Ellsworth. They had five children.

Children

6. Clark J., never married.
7. Eunice, born November 12, 1827; married John Collar; died May 16, 1871 (see below).
8. Louisa, born 1830; married Philander Fletcher of Amherst (see below).
9. Charles, died of brain fever when about twenty-one.
10. Nancy, married Fred Little of Brewer, Me. They later moved to Redwing, Minn. Four children: Fred, Jr., Ella, Carrie and Etta. Fred, Jr., last heard of in Chicago.

SIMEON WILLIAMS (*Clark*,[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Simeon Williams was born January 6, 1818; the first child born in Great Pond; died in Clifton, Me., May 1, 1906. Married Alice Staples, born March 10, 1824; died August 15, 1883. They had ten children.

Children

1. Leonard, born November 28, 1846; died February 14, 1862.
2. Mary A., born March 25, 1848; died May 30, 1890; married William B. Dale November 23, 1882.
3. John, born May 1, 1849; died December 11, 1873.
4. Simeon, Jr., born December 13, 1850; died July 20, 1858.
5. Joshua, born May 24, 1853; died July 18, 1924; married Martha J. Hamlin November 2, 1886; died October 26, 1925.
6. Thomas, born June 12, 1855; died July 25, 1858.
7. Eber, born September 1, 1857; married Sylvia Morris April 6, 1902.
8. Sarah H., born July 17, 1860; married George W. Spencer June 24, 1882.

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[1] Names of children of Clark furnished by Leonard Williams of Clifton, Me., and other information by Mary A. Williams of Great Pond.

9. Leonard, 2d, born April 6, 1862; married (1) Almeda L. Sabine, November 13, 1898; (2) Maud Jellison, September 8, 1908; lives in Clifton, Me.
10. Simeon, 2d, born June 13, 1865; died October 8, 1888.

EUNICE WILLIAMS (*Clark*,[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Eunice Williams was born at Great Pond November 12, 1827; died May 16, 1871; married (1) John Collar, Jr., son of John and Mary (Williams) Collar (Joshua[1]). She bore him eight children (see John Collar, Jr.) She married (2) Joseph Colson.

Child

1. Emery Colson. He married and had five children, all of whom perished in a fire that consumed his home March 13, 1909. Not only did the children lose their lives, but Emery, who was attending to his barn chores at the time the fire broke out, made heroic efforts to save them and was himself trapped in the burning building and was burned to death.

LOUISA WILLIAMS (*Clark*,[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Louisa Williams was born in 1830; married Philander Fletcher and lived in Amherst the greater part of her life.[2] They later moved to Houlton, Me., where Louisa died in 1902.

Children

1. Frank, died in childhood.
2. Annie, died in childhood.
3. Charles Edwin Fletcher, born August 11, 1852; married Ella Moore April 2, 1873.
   (*a*) Lettie M., born 1875; died in 1882.
   (*b*) Melvin Earl, born February 7, 1882; married Edna Wilson; died September 30, 1918. Children: Lee and Donald.
4. Evelyn Estella, born December, 1869; married Frank Baker in Houlton, Me.; had three children: Frank Jr., Louise and Helen.

Mary Williams Branch

MARY (WILLIAMS) COLLAR (*Joshua*[1]).

Mary Williams, the daughter of Joshua, married John Collar of China, Me., and came to Great Pond at the time of its founding. She lived to be quite old, dying January 15, 1859. She was universally known as "Aunt Polly." John Collar died in 1854.

Children

1. Charity, married Curtis Sabine (see below).
2. Lovina, married Joseph Dow, who after her death married Sarah Williams (*Clark*[2], *Joshua*[1]) of Clifton.
3. Betsy, died unmarried.
4. James, born January 28, 1818; died October 30, 1901 (see below).
5. John, Jr., born July 22, 1822; died September 29, 1863; married Eunice Williams, daughter of Clark Williams (see below).

[2] Information concerning Louisa and family from Mary A. Williams.

6. Mary J., born ——; died November 9, 1860; "married Asa Fox, but never lived with him. He was a man that sometimes drank but promised not to do so any more. As soon as they were married he celebrated the occasion by getting drunk. She stayed at a hotel in Bangor until she could send to my father to come and get her. She never had any more use for Fox. She died when quite young."[3]

CHARITY COLLAR (*Mary*,[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Charity Collar, daughter of John Collar,[4] married Curtis Sabine and lived in Great Pond. Curtis was the first postmaster. Since the mail came infrequently, and very little at that, he is said to have kept it in a flour barrel. Curtis enlisted as a soldier in 1861, but died of some camp disease before reaching the front. His widow drew a pension for many years.

Children

1. Sylvester, married Elizabeth Frost of Bangor. They had two children: Charles and Annie.
2. Aaron, married (1) Martha Fletcher. One child, Isabel, who married Rufus Antone. He married (2) Mrs. Mary Jane Linton and had two children: John Melvin and Almeda. Almeda married her second cousin once removed, Leonard Williams of Clifton, November 13, 1898; died ——. One child: Ethel.
3. Betsy Jane Sabine, married Leamon Rowell and lived in Clifton. They had two children: John and Evelyn.
4. Susan Sabine, never married.
5. Lois Sabine, married Asa Benson. They had four daughters.

JAMES COLLAR (*Mary*,[2] *Joshua*[1]).

James Collar, son of John Collar, was born January 28, 1818, second white child born in Great Pond. He lived in the hamlet all his life, dying October 30, 1901.[5] He was one of the substantial citizens of the place, and was a carpenter by trade in the days when all house and barn frames were hand hewn with a broadaxe. He also pulled teeth for any one brave enough to endure the process, using a "cant-dog." He was very bald, had a hare-lip, and wore a hedge of white whiskers under his chin. When the author was a child he spent many pleasant hours listening to the old man's yarns. They invariably began "Hi–ho–hum. Well, forty years ago," or some other exact date.[6] He lived in the house below the church and on the same side. James Collar married Maria Kenney, daughter of Nathaniel Kenney, September 5, 1860. She died December 11, 1892.

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[3] Statement by Mary A. Williams, daughter of John Collar, Jr.

[4] Information furnished by Mary A. Williams.

[5] Dates furnished by Nathan R. Collar of Franklin and Mary A. Williams of Great Pond.

[6] Rev. Leonard S. Williams relates the following concerning the old man:
"Jim Collar was very kind to animals. Once he trained a favorite hen so that it would alight on a shovel which he would hold out for it. It was his custom to go to the blueberry plains each year with a hogshead to lay in a winter's supply of sauce. He would stew the berries on the plains and pour them into the container until it was full. Once I was at his house when he brought the berries home. It seems they had fermented, and when he touched the bung it blew up and drenched the whole family who had gathered around.

CHILDREN

1. GEORGE, born June 28, 1861; died June 21, 1864, of diphtheria.
2. WASHINGTON, born June 21, 1861; died May 18, 1872.

JOHN COLLAR, JR. (*Mary,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

JOHN COLLAR, Jr., son of John Collar, was born at Great Pond July 22, 1822;[7] died September 29, 1863. Married Eunice Williams, a first cousin and daughter of Clark Williams. Lived in the northernmost house in the hamlet at the end of the turnpike.

CHILDREN

1. BETSY E., born March 20, 1849; died April 28, 1850.
2. EDWARD A., born April 16, 1851; died August 11, 1852.
3. NATHAN R., born August 3, 1852 (see below).
4. JAMES HERBERT, born November 13, 1853; died unmarried when a young man; was a mechanical engineer.
5. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS, born October 2, 1855 (see below).
6. JOHN FRANKLIN, born March 14, 1859 (see below).
7. MARY AGNES, born May 6, 1861; married Frederick Williams (see Frederick, son of J. Tilden).
8. CHARLES BEECHER, born March 31, 1863; married, but had no children.

NATHAN R. COLLAR (*John Collar, Jr.,*[3] *Mary,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

NATHAN R. COLLAR, son of John Collar, Jr., was born at Great Pond August 3, 1852. Lived in the Collar homestead for many years, but moved to Franklin where he now resides. Has furnished much information concerning the family. Married (1) Isetta Linton, April 22, 1877.

CHILDREN

1. JOHN LINWOOD, born at Great Pond February 1, 1878; married, November 19, 1911, Marguerite L. Welch, daughter of William Welch; lives in Allston, Mass.; carpenter. One child: Eleanor June, born June 18, 1916.
2. GEORGE PATTERSON, born at Great Pond August 14, 1879; married and has one or more children; whereabouts unknown.
3. GRACE M., born July 10, 1883; married Nathaniel Wallace; died February 4, 1919.

Isetta Collar died January 31, 1890, and Nathan married (2) Lena E. Clark of Franklin, Me., December 24, 1892.

CHILDREN

1. MARION E., born July 3, 1893; died December 4, 1913.
2. ALICIA B., born December 2, 1896; died September 26, 1905.
3. HERBERT B., born May 17, 1898.
4. NATHAN R., Jr., born July 7, 1900.
5. EUNICE E., born February 10, 1902.
6. MAUD L., born March 17, 1903; died June 6, 1914.
7. ERNEST C., born June 30, 1905.
8. RICHARD L., born July 15, 1906.
9. RUERTON W., born February 21, 1909.

[7] Data concerning the Collar family furnished by Nathan R. Collar of Franklin, Me., and W. Augustus Collar of Chelsea, Me.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS COLLAR (*John Collar, Jr.,*[3] *Mary,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

William A. Collar, son of John Collar, Jr., was born at Great Pond October 2, 1855. Carpenter for many years in Great Pond, later moving to Brighton, Mass., where he worked as a house painter. Now lives on a farm in Chelsea, Me., a suburb of Augusta. He married his second cousin, Alice Williams, daughter of George Williams, July 4, 1879.

Children

1. Frederick, born at Great Pond July 27, 1880 (see below).
2. Ethel, born at Great Pond October 2, 1882; married Ralph W. Hadley. Has one child, Roger, born March 18, 1914. Is now a widow. Lives in Needham, Mass.
3. Carl, born at Great Pond June 4, 1885. Graduated from Brighton High School in 1905. Was one of the first graduates of Suffolk Law School, in the class of 1909. Admitted to the Massachusetts bar in January, 1909, but has never practiced in Massachusetts. Is head of the claim department of the White Star Line in New York City. Married Mary Hadley. Has one child, Carl, Jr.

JOHN FRANKLIN COLLAR (*John Collar, Jr.,*[3] *Mary,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

John Franklin Collar was born in Great Pond March 14, 1859. For many years he was in the grocery business in Beachmont, Mass. He married Carrie Vaughn Agry August 25, 1881.

Children

1. Florence Ethel, born August 17, 1884; married Roy F. Poulson; died March 9, 1923, leaving three children: Dorothy Vaughn P., Frank Marshall P., and Stanley Gwinn Poulson.
2. Grace Sarah, born March 11, 1894; married Arthur C. Dinsmore June 3, 1924. One child: John C., born August 8, 1925. Lives in Lubec, Me.
3. Bertha M., born January 6, 1900; married Earle A. Allen August 23, 1918. Children: Beverly and Robert. Lives in Augusta, Me

FREDERICK COLLAR (*W. Augustus Collar,*[4] *John Collar, Jr.,*[3] *Mary,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Frederick Collar, son of W[illiam] Augustus Collar, was born at Great Pond, July 27, 1880; married Louise Thornton; lives in Beachmont, Mass.

Children

1. Ruth, born March, 1903; married Nathan Bonnell. Has two children: Marian and Muriel.
2. Alice, born August, 1904; married Schuyler Hoar. Has two children.
3. Hazel, born October, 1906; married —— Russell. Has one child.
4. Frederick, Jr., born October, 1908.
5. Herbert, born September, 1910.
6. Mabel, born in 1912.
7. Dorothy, born March 2, 1915.
8. Thelma.
9. Kendall Augustus.
10. Richard.

Chapter VII

SIMEON WILLIAMS BRANCH

SIMEON WILLIAMS (*Joshua*[1]).

Simeon Williams, son of Joshua and Bethiah (Clark) Williams, was probably born in Taunton, Mass., about 1782.[1] In the story of the founding of Great Pond Simeon and his brother Clark were mentioned as those who first ventured into the wilderness to "spy out the land." He was certainly one of the first settlers of the place.

It is also certain that he and Clark Williams became dissatisfied with the barren prospects of the wilderness and set forth to seek their fortunes in the heavily wooded valley of the St. John River in New Brunswick. The date of leaving Great Pond was probably that of the general migration that left the aged Joshua and his son-in-law, John Collar, as practically the only adult male inhabitants of the settlement. The year of the migration is uncertain, but under date of April 13, 1810, Clark and Joshua Williams signed a contract with one Samuel Nevers, Jr., to cut lumber for the said Nevers near one of the tributaries of the St. John River. This is additional proof that Great Pond was settled some years prior to 1810.

The next official evidence of Simeon's sojourn in New Brunswick is contained in the records of the Land Office at Frederickton, N.B., as unearthed by the author on a personal investigation in April, 1927. A family tradition averred that Simeon and two others received a valuable grant of land from the King of England, and that Simeon's share had never been sold. The grant was located after much difficulty. It was entitled a grant to "John McKean and three others," and was executed in behalf of George III as grantor on October 30, 1813.

The grantees were John McKean, Clark Williams, Simeon Williams and John Simonds. The tract consisted of twelve hundred and eighty acres "lying and being between the Rear line of the Grant on the River Saint John to Charles Morris, Junior, and the rear lines of the lots on the northwest Branch of the Rushagonis stream, in the Grants to John Morgan and son and to Jonathan Strickland and associates, and of the grant to William Hazen, esquire, and associates, within the Parish of Lincoln in the county of Sunbury."

Family tradition did not hesitate to attach fabulous value to this land. It was reported to be the very tract upon which the city of St. John now stands. The author's first trip to New Brunswick completely demolished this legend, for the land grant was demonstrated to be about six miles from Frederickton.

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[1] Louisa Williams, a daughter-in-law, when eighty-five years old, and a few days before her death, declared that Simeon was born in 1776. Simeon's tombstone in the Great Pond cemetery states that he was seventy-six at the date of his death (May 1, 1858). His children, eight of them then living, as well as his wife, would have known whether Simeon was seventy-six or eighty-two. His tombstone is therefore the more reliable testimony.

It remained for the author's second trip, this time by automobile in July, 1927, to identify the land itself. He was accompanied by his uncle, Rev. Leonard S. Williams, and by his son Allan F. Archer. None of the three can ever forget the wild ride that befell them in "circumnavigating" this land. The atlas indicated that the junction of two country roads, both branching off from the river road south of Frederickton, was near the corner of the land, and that the entire tract lay within the gore formed by the roads.

Unfortunately the author turned his machine into the first of the two roads and soon found himself in a narrow woods road that led through a swamp with corduroy at frequent intervals and hurdle-like bridges over narrow brooks. This road was about five miles long and nearly all of it swamp — a sad adventure for a brand-new sedan of five thousand pounds' weight, not to mention a driver but one month away from an operation for appendicitis. Once in the swamp it was needful to charge from one bump to another in imminent danger of wrecking the machine, for to pause was to become mired. The party emerged on to dry ground quite willing to surrender all claim to the scrubby forest that once was the proud possession of Simeon Williams.

Later in the same day it was discovered in the registry of the little town of Oromocto that both Clark and Simeon Williams conveyed away their interests in the "swamp" in 1821.

Whether Simeon owned other land in New Brunswick is uncertain. He is said to have lived in Oromocto for several years and also in Magaguadavic,[2] N. B.

While Simeon was in New Brunswick he met, wooed and won a beautiful girl by the name of Harriet Kenney. The marriage occurred in Woodstock, N. B. Her mother's name was Elizabeth, but the name of her father is unknown. She had a brother Asa Kenney, a sister Frances, who married Richard Kimball of New Brunswick, as well as other sisters: Mary, Susan, Maria, Eliza and Sally.[3]

Harriet Kenney was a mere child of fourteen, and her husband, whom she afterward described as "her blue eyed Yankee lover," was a man of thirty when the marriage took place. But no marriage could have been more fortunate for Simeon Williams or for his descendants. Harriet Kenney Williams was a tower of spiritual strength, and her influence lives even yet in her descendants.

To her influence whatever of religious life the rough lumbering hamlet of Great Pond ever experienced was largely attributable. She came of an intensely religious family. Such letters of her mother and sisters as are now extant are sermons in themselves, and terrible ones at that.

Simeon moved to Great Pond to care for his aged father about the year 1821, at which time, according to the census of 1820, there were but fourteen people in the place. He continued to reside there until his death, May 1, 1858, at the age of seventy-

[2] Claudius M. Archer, son of Harriet and grandson of Simeon, is authority for this statement.

[3] Gleaned from a letter written from Burton Oromocto, by Elizabeth Kenney to her daughter Harriet, February 23, 1840.

six.[4] Harriet outlived her husband for more than nineteen years. Her death occurred August 12, 1877, at the age of seventy-nine years.[4] She was thus a resident of the hamlet for fifty-seven years.

Dana (Archer) Williams (Mrs. Ezra N. Williams), a granddaughter, has written the following tribute to the couple: "Simeon at the time of coming to No. 33 had three boys, born in the Province of New Brunswick. They moved by ox team and in cold weather. What prospects for a young mother not much past her twentieth birthday, who had lived in St. John and Frederickton, married at the age of fourteen, her eldest son James born when she was fifteen years old! We know what she proved herself to be through all her hardships. Then began the life in the little rock-bound wilderness with an increasing family, the aged Joshua to care for. Simeon felled trees and burned them to plant his crops. James and Thomas, with their hoes (while the father was working at his trade as a cobbler), planted the garden without plowing — what they called 'niggering in' with a hoe on burnt land. Thus began the vigorous life of those two youngsters. Then as they grew older, which would only seem school age now, they assumed the care of the family, since their father, who was much older than their mother, had become broken in health."

CHILDREN [5]

1. JAMES, born April 15, 1813.
2. THOMAS, born February 23, 1815.
3. BETSY ANN, born August 14, 1817.
4. SIMEON, Jr., born May 22, 1820.
5. GEORGE, born January 27, 1824.
6. FRANCES KENNEY, born July 11, 1826.
7. ASA, born June 6, 1828.
8. HARRIET, born May 1, 1830.
9. JOSEPH TILDEN, born November 10, 1833.
10. ELIZA JANE, born August 27, 1835; died in infancy.

[4] See tombstone in Great Pond cemetery.

[5] This is based upon an old family record, yellow and time-worn, found in the papers of Frances K. Lord.

Chapter VIII

DESCENDANTS OF SIMEON — JAMES WILLIAMS BRANCH

JAMES WILLIAMS (*Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

James Williams, the eldest child of Simeon and Harriet (Kenney) Williams, was born April 15, 1813, when his mother was but fifteen years of age. He was small of stature, wiry and bald in his old age. Lacking in education and in the religious instincts of the family, he nevertheless developed into the recognized leader of the community in all secular affairs. His dominant personality and picturesque language rendered him a very efficient wood's boss.

With his brother Thomas, until the latter's death in 1864, James conducted lumbering operations. Thereafter until after his seventy-fifth year he was to be found every winter in the vigorous prosecution of some lumbering enterprise.

"Dana" (Archer) Williams, his daughter-in-law, has supplied the author with much information concerning him. She writes in part:

> James, the most adventurous one, went to Cherryfield to hire men and oxen. There he met Lucinda Jaques whom he hired to come to Great Pond and teach his younger brothers and sisters a few weeks in the year. The result was that she married the young lumberman and settled in town. . . . He never cared for agriculture only as a means to further his lumbering business. He never milked a cow or could. He never ate lamb and gave as his reason that once in his boyhood they were obliged to kill some of their sheep, carrying lambs, to keep starvation from the door and even dig up potatoes after they had planted them. He cared nothing for music or art but cleanliness was next to godliness with him. A fast horse was his pride. . . . I lived in the family fourteen years. Whatever his failings were he was always a good father. He was kind and thoughtful of me.

Lucinda Jaques was born in the month of October, 1818. She was a granddaughter [1] of John and Elizabeth (Tupper) Archer. She married James Williams in 1837 and bore him eight children. She died May 7, 1884, at the age of sixty-five.

Children

1. Lucretia, born 1838.
2. John.
3. Edgar, born February 20, 1842.
4. Melissa, born April 2, 1843.
5. Ruth Amanda, born January 12, 1844.
6. Susan Emily, born January 11, 1846.
7. Frank, born in 1848; died June 8, 1864.
8. Ezra Norman, born June 16, 1857.

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[1] Daughter of Ruth Archer, who married —— Jaques, an Englishman.

There were also two children by adoption or who lived with the family: Margaret Whitney, who married Martin Laughlin, and William H. (Thurston) Williams, who died at the age of fourteen, August 20, 1864.

LUCRETIA WILLIAMS (*James,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Lucretia Williams daughter of James and Lucinda Williams, was born in Great Pond in 1838. She married Edward McIninch and was mother of the following children.

Children

1. Eliza.
2. Laura, married John R. Shuman and had four children: Louis A., Eliza, Helen and Sada.
3. John, died of consumption when a young man; unmarried.
4. Edgar, lives in Great Pond; married Mrs. Annie (Williams) Bracey.
5. James E., married Rosilla Avery; names of children unknown.
6. Cassie, married (1) William Chick. One child; Myrl Chick. She married (2) Adelbert Avery. Two children: Burns and Hazel. She married (3) James A. Colburn.
7. Tobias, married Grace Nickerson of Myra, Me. Children: Pauline, Irene, Everett, Lucretia, Leroy, Annie, Charles, James and Tressa.
8. Carrie, married James A. Colburn; died young. Children: Lucy, Howard and Etta.

JOHN WILLIAMS (*James,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

John Williams, son of James and Lucinda Williams, was a celebrated wood's cook, an occupation which he followed all his life. He married Ada Richardson of Aurora. Their children were as follows.

Children

1. Lottie, married John F. Hayes; died of consumption December 28, 1896. No children.
2. Raymond, born November 1, 1871; married Kate Belle Laughlin. Children:
   (*a*) Inez R., born December 26, 1894.
   (*b*) Phyllis B., born August 26, 1901.
3. Gertrude, married Allan Garland. One child: Sidney.
4. Thomas, died of consumption when about twenty years old.

EDGAR WILLIAMS (*James,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Edgar Williams,[2] son of James and Lucinda Williams, was born February 20, 1842, in Great Pond, Me. He died in Sidney, Me., October 30, 1914. He was married to Sarah M. Emery in Fairfield, Me., November 10, 1869. Sarah died in Fairfield in March, 1909.

Children

1. Percy Fuller Williams, born in Great Pond June 28, 1874; A.B., Colby, 1897; LL.B., Suffolk Law School, 1921; married Rebecca Melva Baxter June 21, 1906, in West Dennis, Mass. Children:
   (*a*) Percy Fuller, Jr., born in Quincy, Mass., June 7, 1907.
   (*b*) Ruth Emery, born in Newton, Mass., July 5, 1912.
   (*c*) Charles Baxter, born in Newton, Mass., June 2, 1915; died March 3, 1916.

[2] Information furnished by Percy F. Williams of Brewster Mass.

2. Frank Perry Williams, born in Fairfield, Me., November 4, 1875; married Elizabeth Naylor in California, June 1, 1908. Children: Frank Perry, Jr., Russell and John.
3. Henry Lander Williams, born in Fairfield, Me., December, 1877; died in New Jersey May 27, 1919.
4. Charles Morrill Williams, born in Fairfield, Me., March 2, 1879; present address, Farmington, Me.; married Nellie Titcomb June, 1908. Child: Benjamin Titcomb Williams, born in Farmington, Me., September 23, 1916.
5. Ella May Williams, born in Fairfield, Me., May 16, 1880; died November 16, 1895.
6. Lulu Lucinda Williams, born in Fairfield, Me., December 15, 1882; present address, Augusta, Me.; married Clarence M. Cony in Waterville, Me., April 22, 1908. Children:
   (*a*) Faith Carlyle C., born in Waterville, Me., February 27, 1910.
   (*b*) Hope Charlotte C., born in Andover, Mass., December 19, 1917.
7. Edna Estelle Williams, born in Fairfield, Me., February 21, 1887, died in Fairfield August 23, 1917; married James Lincoln Snow at Fairfield, Me., August 23, 1911. Child: Ruth Sarah S., born in Fairfield, Me., June 27, 1917.
8. Sarah Agry Williams, born in Fairfield, Me., January 8, 1889; present address, Fairfield, Me.; married Warren S. Swett of Westbrook, Me., November 14, 1919. Child: Robert Elvin S., born in Fairfield, Me., September 20, 1922.

MELLISSA WILLIAMS (*James*,[3] *Simeon*,[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Mellissa Williams, daughter of James and Lucinda Williams, was born April 2, 1843, and died in Great Pond September 16, 1883. She married Joseph Clark Dunn, a grandson of John and Elizabeth (Tupper) Archer. Dunn was a member of Company A, First Maine Heavy Artillery, in the Civil War. He died March 3, 1922, at the age of eighty-eight.

Children

1. Elmer Ellsworth Dunn, born in 1862; married Ida Peavey and lives in Norridgewalk, Me. No children.
2. Leroy, born March 8, 1864; married Gertrude McKenzie and lives in Lowell, Mass. No children.
3. Ernest Lee, born August 5, 1866; married (1) Geneva Mills September 30, 1891, died September, 1903; (2) Elizabeth Jane Malcolm, September 30, 1905. No children. Contractor and builder. Arlington, Mass.
4. Rosie, born in 1868; married William Mc. Dyer; died young, but left two children: Abbie Dyer, married —— Richardson; Bert Dyer; married and has children.
5. Della, born in 1870; married Washburn Lord. Has one or more children.
6. Daisy, born in 1872; died unmarried.
7. Minnie, born in 1874; married (1) Charles Broad; (2) Amos Archer. Children: Vernord, Frank and Bertha Broad.
8. Vernord, died in infancy.
9. Leon W., born on December 18, 1877; married Ortho Malcolm September 1, 1908. Children:
   (*a*) Arnold, born May 26, 1910.
   (*b*) Madeline, born April 26, 1916.
10. Myrtle, born August 6, 1880; married (1) Fred Whitney, October 12, 1897; divorced; married (2) Arthur Wilder, June 12, 1911. No children.

RUTH AMANDA WILLIAMS (*James,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

RUTH WILLIAMS was born January 12, 1844. She married George A. Clarry, who lived for many years in Aurora, Me., then in Lowell, Mass., finally returning to Great Pond where he spent his last years, during which time he was prominent in affairs of the hamlet and was deacon of the church. After her husband's death Ruth made her home with her daughter Lillian. She died May 15, 1920.

CHILDREN [3]

1. ELLA EVELYN, born 1866; married Joseph P. Patterson in August, 1896; died March, 1918. Children:
   (*a*) Van B., born in 1897.
   (*b*) Dale M., born in 1900, died August, 1921.
   (*c*) Cedric, born December, 1904.
2. MELVIN HIRAM, born in November, 1868; married Lida Robbins of Lowell, Mass., October 7, 1891. Children:
   (*a*) Arthur Melville, born August 25, 1893; married (1) Grace Ball September 25, 1915; she died January 5, 1919. By this marriage was born Dorothy Grace and Arthur Melville, Jr., twins, in 1916; Dorothy Grace died April 9, 1917. He married (2), Isabel Herald, November 8, 1919. Children: (1) Doris Isabel, born August 21, 1920; (2) Kenneth Herald, born January 30, 1925.
   (*b*) Florence Lillian Clarry, born January 8, 1896; married Joseph Watt December 23, 1913, in Boston, Mass. One child, Gladys, born June 13, 1915, in Newton, Mass.
   (*c*) Percy Wellington Clarry, born November 16, 1897, in Somerville, Mass.; married Edna Jane Millihen October 27, 1919, in Everett, Mass.
   (*d*) Emma Louise Clarry, born March 12, 1907, in Somerville, Mass.
   (*e*) Harry Bertram Clarry, born February 16, 1909, in Somerville, Mass.
   (*f*) Marion Russell Clarry, born April 10, 1913, in Brookline, Mass.
3. MABEL GRACE, born August, 1872; married Leroy Wilson Dickey October 7, 1891. Children:
   (*a*) Carlton Leroy Dickey, born June 25, 1896, in Lowell, Mass.; married (1) Ivy Blanchard October 25, 1916; (2) Blanche Matters, July 4, 1924, in Nashua, N. H. Children: (1) Leroy Jay, born March 22, 1925, in Lowell, Mass.; (2) Emma Grace, born September 23, 1926, in Lowell, Mass.
   (*b*) Ruth Emma Dickey, born August 9, 1899.

4, 5. ALBERT and ALFRED, twins, born August, 1876. Albert went away to sea when a youth and has not since been heard from. Alfred Henry Clarry married Lillian Whitehead September 10, 1902, in Lowell, Mass. One child, Nilda Vera, born April 4, 1904.

6. LILLIAN LEE, born April, 1878; married (1) Harry Bertram Whall of Dorchester, Mass., December 24, 1914. One child, Marjorie Louise Whall, born May 21, 1916. Harry B. Whall died February 28, 1920. Lillian married (2) Horace Richard Crane of Dorchester, Mass., July 16, 1923.
7. DAISY MAUDE, born October, 1886; married Clarence Williams (see descendants of Tilden Williams).

[3] Information furnished by Mrs. Horace R. Crane (Lillian Clarry).

SUSAN EMILY WILLIAMS (*James*,[3] *Simeon*,[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Susan Emily, daughter of James and Lucinda Williams, was born January 11, 1846. She married (1) James Laughlin in 1864, by whom she had one child, Flora. After the death of Laughlin she married Howard Lord. Susan died in 1924.

Child

1. Flora Laughlin, born in 1865; married Eugene Foster of Aurora, June 28, 1892. He died August 12, 1923, and his widow now lives in Brewer, Me. Their children were as follows.[4]
   (*a*) Ralph Moody, born August 15, 1894; married Mattie Frost; lives in Brewer. Children: Thelma, Arnold, Dorothy, Mary, Flora and Eleanor.
   (*b*) Ruby, born August 8, 1895; died September 7, 1900.
   (*c*) Roy, born May 20, 1897; married Myrl Norton and lives in Amherst. Children: Gladys and Boyden.
   (*d*) Ruth, born June 4, 1899; married John Gonyer and lives in Barre, Vt. One child: John, Jr.
   (*e*) Mary, born June 18, 1901; married Arnold E. Hurd and lives in Barre, Vt. One child: June.
   (*f*) Boyden, born May 25, 1903; died October 4, 1919.
   (*g*) Ashel, born December 31, 1905; unmarried and lives with his mother in Brewer.
   (*h*) Frank Benjamin, born October 28, 1908; graduated from Bangor High School June, 1927; now a student in Suffolk Law School and lives in Boston.

EZRA NORMAN WILLIAMS (*James*,[3] *Simeon*,[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Ezra Williams, son of James and Lucinda Williams, was born June 16, 1857. Being the youngest child he lived with his father on the home place, the largest and most fertile farm in the hamlet. He married Vienna (commonly called Dana) Archer, a first cousin, January 1, 1880.

Ezra was very kind and obliging, with a good-natured and boisterous manner that made him very popular with all that knew him. He was for many years a lumberman, but in 1911 was appointed chief forest warden of Hancock County.

The Forest Commissioner of Maine said at the time of his death that he was "one of the most capable wardens in the service." He died January 20, 1920. His widow, "Dana" Williams, now resides in Bangor. From her the author has received much assistance. He regrets that he cannot include in this volume many of the intensely interesting "human-interest" stories concerning the early inhabitants that she has furnished him.

Children

1. Bernice, born September 22, 1888; married (1) Wilbur Estabrook of Bangor, Me. After his death she married Carroll Brown. They live in Bangor, Me. No children.
2. Ruth, born January 19, 1893; married Selwin Parker of Livermore Falls, Me.; died March 27, 1918. No children.
3. Ransom Williams (by adoption). Now living in Arlington, Mass.

[4] Information furnished by Frank B. Foster.

Chapter IX

DESCENDANTS OF SIMEON — THOMAS, BETSY ANN AND SIMEON, JR.

THOMAS WILLIAMS (*Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Thomas Williams, son of Simeon and Harriet (Kenney) Williams, was born February 23, 1815. He was a lumberman and lived in Great Pond until his death, July 7, 1864. He married Mary Ann Lord of Lowell, Me.

Children

1. Mary Ellen, married Paul Littlefield and perhaps later a man by the name of Stalbird. No children.
2. Thomas, Jr., married and lives in the state of Washington. One child, Myrtle.
3. Emma, deceased. Left one son, Ernest.

BETSY ANN WILLIAMS (*Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Betsy Ann, daughter of Simeon and Harriet (Kenney) Williams, was born August 14, 1817. She married Nathaniel Chick. Her children were as follows.

Children

1. Eliza Jane, married Alonzo Bragg of Clifton. Children: Addie, Eugene, Alonzo, Jr., Eva, George, Levi and two other girls.[1]
2. George, a soldier in the Civil War. He married Mary Freese in Levant. They had two children: Georgia and Allen; they moved out West; both married.[2]
3. Elbridge, also a soldier in the Civil War. He married Josephine Hayes of Clifton and later moved to Great Pond and lived in the little house opposite the John Laughlin place. They had five children:
   (*a*) Leah Chick, died at about twelve years.
   (*b*) Edna Chick, died with consumption when about twenty.
   (*c*) Guy Chick, married Helen Shuman, who died young and had (1) Horace, who died young, and (2) Laura, married but husband unknown. Guy has married again and lives at Ellsworth Falls, Me.
   (*d*) Eugene Chick, married and lives in Cherryfield.
   (*e*) Linwood Chick, married Olive Dodge. He lives in Great Pond. Children: Linwood, Jr., and James.
4. Susan, born February 24, 1846; married John Laughlin August 14, 1864, and lived in Great Pond; she died December 29, 1913. Children:
   (*a*) Maude Laughlin, born June 11, 1865; married Ernest Rowe and had one child, Arabelle (married William Eggleston in 1923).
   (*b*) Lillian Laughlin, born April 6, 1867; married Hugh Weston; is now a widow and lives in Great Pond.
   (*c*) Kate Laughlin, born November 27, 1869; married Raymond Williams (see descendants of James).
   (*d*) John Laughlin, Jr., born October 12, 1872; drowned May 3, 1887.
   (*e*) Eugene Laughlin, born August 28, 1873; married Vira Archer and has at least two children.

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[1] Information furnished by Mrs. William Williams of Chelsea, Me.

[2] Information from Mrs. Ezra N. Williams.

(*f*) Matthew Laughlin, born March 8, 1875; married Geneva Bracey and had three children: Donald, Marguerite and John.
(*g*) Alta Laughlin, born July 9, 1877; married John F. Haynes and lives in Great Pond.
(*h*) Clyde Laughlin, born June 27, 1880; married Ethel ——; killed in hunting accident in December, 1907.
(*i*) Robert Laughlin, born October 20, 1885; married Florence Williams; lives in Great Pond. No children.

SIMEON WILLIAMS, Jr. (*Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Simeon Williams, Jr., son of Simeon and Harriet (Kenney) Williams, was born May 22, 1820. He was one of the substantial citizens of the little hamlet, a prodigious worker, and, like his brothers, a lumberman in his early years. During his later years he lived quietly at home on his farm which he had himself cleared and brought under cultivation. He died in Great Pond January 25, 1888. He married three times. His second wife was Marilla Marks Spooner of Fort Fairfield, Me., born May 10, 1837. They were married February 5, 1857. She died in Boston, Mass., May 4, 1893.

Children

1. Frances Martha Williams, born November 11, 1857; died in Great Pond December 5, 1905; married John S. Archer (for family, see descendants of Harriet Williams).
2. Rev. Leonard Simeon Williams, born December 1, 1859; educated at Cobb Divinity School, Bates College; pastor of Baptist Church, Dryden, Me.; married (1) Elizabeth Case, November 25, 1884, by whom he had the following children:
   (*a*) Retta Mabel, born in Great Pond, Me., December 29, 1885; she married Perry Lee McKinney and lives in Derry, N. H. They have two children: (1) Frank Lee, born in Dorchester, Mass., June 23, 1908; (2) Retta Elizabeth, born in Dorchester April 20, 1910.
   (*b*) Edward Ray, born in Great Pond, Me., January 15, 1898; married but no information as to family.
   (*c*) Ruby Aurelia, born in Lewiston, Me., May 8, 1891; married Samuel Porter Burnell in Portland, Me., March 9, 1918. Children: (1) Ruby Olive, born in Portland, Me., October 24, 1919; (2) Donald Buckley, born in Portland, Me., December 28, 1920; (3) Samuel P., Jr., born in Portland, Me., June 26, 1923; (4) Vernon Ray, born in Portland, Me., February 10, 1926.

   He married (2) Susan S. Stinchfield in Clinton, Me., November 7, 1899, by whom he had the following children:
   (*d*) Leonard Franklin, born January 6, 1901.
   (*e*) Kenneth Breck, born October 18, 1902; Suffolk Law School, LL.B., 1927; member of bar in Maine and Massachusetts; lives in Woburn, Mass.; married Helen E. Clark September 6, 1925.
   (*f*) Dorothy Elaine, born August 29, 1905; married Harold J. Farrington June 10, 1922, and lives in Dryden, Me. Children: (1) Barbara Elaine, born August 10, 1923; (2) Virginia Louise, born January 2, 1925.
   (*g*) Gerard Stinchfield, born September 15, 1911.
3. Lettie Blanche Williams, born December 22, 1865; married William Williams October 8, 1887 (for family, see descendants of George Williams).

Chapter X

DESCENDANTS OF SIMEON — GEORGE AND FRANCES WILLIAMS

GEORGE WILLIAMS (*Simeon*,[2] *Joshua*[1]).

George Williams, son of Simeon and Harriet (Kenney) Williams, was born in Plantation No. 33 (Great Pond) January 27, 1824, and lived there until his death, February 16, 1890. He was the acknowledged leader of the religious life of the community, and for many years was the Deacon of the little church. Itinerant Elders came to the hamlet occasionally and preached in the little red schoolhouse, but every Sunday, when no outside talent was available, Uncle George "held forth" to the faithful. He had a rustic eloquence that made deep impression upon the author when he was a small child.

George Williams married Louisa Richardson (born August 6, 1825; died April 4, 1911) of Aurora. Louisa outlived her husband for twenty-one years. She was a woman of strong character with a calm and placid disposition.

Children[1]

1. Lusana, born June 16, 1844; died in 1901 or 1902; married Jeremiah Sabine and bore him the following children: Jeremiah, Jr., George, John Everett, William, Thomas, Hattie, Percy, Cora and Lula.
2. Hattie A., born July 31, 1849; died in 1919; married William Blades. Children:
   (*a*) William Blades, Jr., now dead.
   (*b*) Mary, married Dennis Griffin and had one daughter, Mamie.
   (*c*) Ralph, married. Has one son, William, who is married and has three children.
3. George F., born July 10, 1851; died in 1903; married (1) Martha Fletcher, and had one son, Frank (who married Helen Dunbar, by whom he had one son, Frank, who died in childhood). After Martha's death George married Oriville Chick, who bore him the following children:
   (*a*) Adelbert, died of consumption when a young man.
   (*b*) Jennie, born February 17, 1879 (married Henry Wilson. Jennie is now dead).
   (*c*) Everett, died of consumption when a young man.
   (*d*) Eugene, born in September, 1883; married Annie Brown and lives in Fairfield, Me.
   (*e*) Viola, born in June, 1886; married Cecil Gray and lives at Benton, Me. One daughter, Rosamond, born in September, 1908.
   (*f*) Mildred, born July 1, 1889; lives in Winslow, Me.
4. Joseph Tilden, born September 16, 1853; died February 9, 1913; married Carrie Sprague. Children:
   (*a*) Abbie, died in childhood.
   (*b*) Mildred Vera, born in 1891; married Alden Hayes and lives at South Paris, Me.
5. James Arthur, born May 31, 1855; married Sarah Duren; address, R. D., Waterville, Me.

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[1] Information furnished by Mrs. William Williams and Alice (Williams) Collar.

6. Nelson, born February 19, 1857; married Elvira Sprague, who died in 1903; address, Augusta, Me., R. D. No. 2. Children:
   (*a*) Josie, born in April, 1880; married Emil Strobeck and has a son, Frank, born July 13, 1910; lives at South Paris, Me.
   (*b*) Eugene, died in infancy.
7. Eva, born November 13, 1859; married Henry Folsom, who died in the spring of 1904; she lives at 13 Market Street, Lowell, Mass. Children: Two died in infancy; a son, Hervey, married Ada Hall and has the following children: Vivian, Stanley, Lola (died in infancy), and Myrtle.
8. Alice, married W. Augustus Collar. (For family, see Clark Williams Branch.)
9. Charles G., born October 31, 1863; married Lettie Grover; both dead. He died in December, 1909. Children:
   (*a*) Minnie, born September, 1890; married Percy Cunningham, by whom she had two daughters and one son.
   (*b*) Evelyn, born December, 1891; married —— Smith.
   (*c*) Victor, born in December, 1892.
   (*d*) Carrie, born July 1, 1895; married and has several children.
   (*e*) Daisy, born November, 1898; married.
10. Cora B., born January 25, 1866; married William Markham in Great Pond July, 1887. He died January 1, 1927. Cora lives in Chelsea, Me. Children:
   (*a*) Edward, born June 7, 1889; died July 4, 1899.
   (*b*) Harold, born in 1894.
   (*c*) Bertha, born in May, 1896; married Henry Heath and lives in Chelsea, Me. Has six children.
   (*d*) Raymond, born July 8, 1899; married Ina Adams and lives in Chelsea. Has seven children.
   (*e*) Eva, born in June, 1901; married Edward Light.
   (*f*) Ruth, born in 1903; married Paul Willett and lives in Chelsea. Has two children.
11. William, born March 2, 1868; married Lettie B. Williams October 8, 1887; lives in Chelsea. Children:
   (*a*) Olive E., born August 22, 1889.
   (*b*) Blanche E., born January 3, 1892; married Raymond J. Lincoln and lives in Manchester, Me.
   (*c*) Alice C., born December 11, 1893; married Chester J. Austin September 18, 1924, and lives in Cuba.
   (*d*) Louise E., born October 22, 1895; died October 29, 1910.
   (*e*) Lillian M., born July 5, 1898.
   (*f*) Ethel V., born May 12, 1900; married Laroy Welch August 24, 1919, and lives in Gardiner, Me. Has three children: (1) Eleanor, born October 11, 1920; (2) Mildred, born June 27, 1922; (3) Marguerite, born September 29, 1924.
   (*g*) William L., born July 5, 1907.
12. Emma, born February 17, 1872; married Charles Markham October 1, 1887; lives in Chelsea, Me. Children:
   (*a*) Evelyn, born February 6, 1892; married Archie Robbins and lives in Chelsea. Has six children: Roland, Charles, Lena, Lawrence, Thelma and ——.
   (*b*) Doris, born February 25, 1893.
   (*c*) Herbert, died in infancy.
   (*d*) Elvira, born October, 1898; married William Burbank, now dead.
   (*e*) Arlene, born March 15, 1915.

FRANCES KENNEY WILLIAMS (*Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Frances Williams, daughter of Simeon and Harriet (Kenney) Williams, was born July 11, 1826. She was a woman of great force of character, able, and eager in discussion of all topics. The first

and only inn in the little settlement was established by her and her husband, Tobias Lord. She lived to an advanced age, being much crippled by rheumatism in her later years, and also somewhat inclined to mental derangement. Tobias Lord was a gentle, mild-mannered man, somewhat subdued, no doubt, by his dominating and energetic spouse. They had but one child:

CHILD

1. HARRIET AMANDA LORD, born June 9, 1845, in Greenfield, Me. Harriet was given educational advantages not enjoyed by others in the hamlet, and when a young lady became teacher of the Great Pond school. The author has in his possession an original record of the school as kept by Harriet Amanda Lord in 1865–66, showing that there were then thirty-one pupils in attendance. She married James F. Emery, a lumberman, who built a house across the highway from the Lord Tavern. Later, when Mrs. Lord became feeble, they moved across and took charge of the establishment. Mrs. Emery was the leader of the feminine portion of the community, and was active in Sunday school affairs. She died October 28, 1921. James F. Emery was born in 1832 and died in 1907. He had travelled considerably, having tried unsuccessfully to make his fortune in the gold regions of California. To this ambitious couple came a bitter disappointment in that their only child was a dwarf, and very much deformed. This child was Florence Percy Emery, born August 1, 1869; died April 18, 1902. Despite the fact that she could never talk distinctly, owing to her deformity, "Flossie" was nevertheless a brilliant student. She was a musician and possessed some literary talent. For many years she was local correspondent for Ellsworth and Bangor newspapers.

Chapter XI

DESCENDANTS OF SIMEON — ASA WILLIAMS BRANCH

ASA WILLIAMS (*Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Asa Williams, son of Simeon and Harriet (Kenney) Williams, was born June 6, 1828, and died February 23, 1894. He was a lifelong resident of Great Pond and one of its most lovable characters. He was a small man, slim and wiry, and had a most extraordinary manner of walking. Two short steps and then a prodigiously long one was his usual method of locomotion. He was kind to children and universally loved by them.

His wife was Direxa Dunn. She was a daughter of Samuel Dunn, Jr., and Julia Ann, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Tupper) Archer, whose family lines will be discussed in the chapter on Archer genealogy. Direxa Dunn was born in 1830 [1] and died May 18, 1912. She was a woman of keen intellect and high ideals, the mother of a large family of girls, all of whom married and reared families of their own.

Children

1. Myra Evelyn, born November 29, 1853.
2. Edith Julia, born March 27, 1856.
3. Charles Lee, born April 5, 1858; died June 11, 1864.
4. Isabel Kate, born October 19, 1859; died November 2, 1890.
5. Marion Ethel, born March 21, 1862.
6. Bertha Emily, born July 11, 1864; died August, 1904.
7. Ruby Gray, born March 11, 1867.
8. Bessie Violet, born June 20, 1869.
9. Nellie Grant, born January 20, 1872.
10. Fanny K., born July 28, 1875; died in infancy.

MYRA EVELYN WILLIAMS (*Asa,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Myra Williams was born November 29, 1853. She married, in October, 1870, John Kingsbury Jackson. They lived for years in Great Pond. "King" Jackson died some years ago. Myra is living with her daughter Winifred in Boston, Mass. "King" was born in Greenfield, Me., February 3, 1845. He died July 15, 1915.

Children

1. Guy Jackson, died in infancy.
2. Winifred Virginia Jackson, born March 3, 1876; married, but secured a divorce and resumed her maiden name; lives in Boston.
3. Ralph Temple Jackson, born August 18, 1879; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, B.S., 1906, M.S., 1907; architect with office in Boston, Mass. Has designed many important buildings and is recognized as an expert in his line. He married Elizabeth Meserole Rhodes in Brooklyn, N. Y., October 16, 1907. Elizabeth Rhodes was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 6, 1875, daughter of Foster M. Rhodes and Anna J. Hatfield. Children:

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[1] Information furnished by Vivian Conner (Mrs. Edwin S. Conner) of Akron, Ohio.

(*a*) Winifred Williams, born in Fall River, Mass., January 25, 1909.
(*b*) Foster Rhodes, born in Dighton, Mass., May 14, 1911.
(*c*) Ralph Dighton (daughter), born in Dighton, Mass., February 18, 1913.
(*d*) Kingsbury Temple, born in Newton, Mass., May 15, 1917.

4. Direxa Myra, died at birth.

EDITH JULIA WILLIAMS (*Asa,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Edith Williams was born March 27, 1856. She married William MacPhee May 7, 1877. They lived in Great Pond for many years. "Billy" MacPhee was a popular and efficient foreman in the lumber camps of the district. He is now dead and his widow makes her home with her son Norman, who is connected with the Tampa, Fla., branch of Stone & Webster Company.

Children

1. Forest Duncan MacPhee, born February 22, 1878; married Alice Donnelly at Portland, Me., June 6, 1923.
2. Ross MacPhee, born April 27, 1881; died February, 1917.
3. Gladys D. MacPhee, born July 12, 1890; married Edward A. Mathes at Fairfield, Me., October 22, 1914.
4. Norman R. MacPhee, born February 8, 1893; married Twila A. Dennis at Newcastle, Pa., November 11, 1919.
5. William J. MacPhee, born January 19, 1895; married Amy G. Lape at Philadelphia, Pa., September 11, 1922.

ISABEL KATE WILLIAMS (*Asa,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Isabel Williams was born October 19, 1859. She married Joseph P. Patterson, who for many years conducted a travelling "show" or vaudeville that was popular in country districts. She died November 2, 1890, leaving two children.

Children

1. Guy Patterson, married Edith Humphrey. Conducts a sporting camp near Great Pond. Has two daughters: Marjorie and Isabel.
2. Hollis Patterson, married Abbie Crosby. He lives in Amherst, Me.

MARION ETHEL WILLIAMS (*Asa,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Marion Williams (known locally by her nickname of "Dolly") was born March 21, 1862. She married Seth A. Kenniston (son of Joseph Kenniston) of Amherst, Me., September 11, 1880, in Aurora, Me. They lived in Amherst many years. After the death of her husband Mrs. Kenniston married, November, 1919, in Cleveland, Ohio, Ernest S. Peck of that city. She resides in Cleveland, Ohio, at the present time.

Children

1. Vivian Inez Kenniston, born September 27, 1881; married Edwin Solon Conner December 6, 1901, at Amherst, Me. They now live in Akron, Ohio. Their children are —
   (*a*) Edwin Kenniston C., born October 11, 1904, in Amherst.
   (*b*) Marion Helen, born September 23, 1906, in Amherst.
   (*c*) Virginia Montez, born January 27, 1910, in Cleveland, Ohio.

2. Harold Moses Kenniston, born December 23, 1886; married Katherine Jewell of Hallowell, Me., at Amherst, August, 1908. Now lives in Augusta, Me. Their children are —
   (*a*) Anne Sarah, born October 17, 1909.
   (*b*) Gordon Fletcher, born October 11, 1912.
3. Julia Hazel, born January 9, 1893; married Jay Spore Andrews of Cleveland, Ohio, August 18, 1923. They live in Lakewood, Ohio, and have one child, Jay Kenniston, born December 2, 1926.
4. Leonora, died in infancy.

BERTHA EMILY WILLIAMS (*Asa,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Bertha Williams was born July 11, 1864. She married Albert Mace of Aurora in 1890, and lived in the latter town until her death in August, 1904. She left two children.

Children

1. Asa Russell Mace, born June 17, 1892; married Gladyce Tracey (born February 16, 1897) December 12, 1917. Children:
   (*a*) Douglas A. Mace, born May 10, 1920.
   (*b*) Asa R. Mace, Jr., born December 3, 1921.
   (*c*) Bertha E. Mace, born May 5, 1923.
   (*d*) Helen D. Mace, born July 1, 1924, but died in infancy.
   (*e*) Charlotte M. Mace, born July 28, 1925.
   (*f*) Frank E. Mace, 2d, born November 30, 1926.
2. Doris L. V. Mace, born June 25, 1896.

RUBY GRAY WILLIAMS (*Asa,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Ruby Williams was born March 11, 1867. She married Frank E. Mace January 19, 1885. They lived in Great Pond for many years. Mace opened a general store and did a very thriving business so long as lumbering held out in the district. He later entered politics and became a state senator. Having been appointed Forest Commissioner of Maine he took up his residence in Augusta. He lives there at the present time. Two children were born to this union.

Children

1. Bryan Jennings Mace, born January 21, 1896; married Mabel E. Pushard of Gardiner, Me., July 30, 1919. They have the following children:
   (*a*) Carmen Elaine, born December 16, 1920.
   (*b*) Maxine Eleanor, born May 6, 1923.
2. Esther Aileen Mace, born August 4, 1899; married Wallace Sawyer Houston of Gardiner, Me., October 27, 1917. They have one child: Jane Houston, born March 23, 1925.

BESSIE VIOLET WILLIAMS (*Asa,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Bessie Williams was born June 20, 1869. She was a school teacher prior to her marriage to George Crosby of Aurora, Me., in September, 1899. George Crosby died May 2, 1925. They had one child, Hester J. Crosby, born May 22, 1903.

NELLIE GRANT WILLIAMS (*Asa,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Nellie Williams was born January 20, 1872. She married Albert Haynes of Amherst March 24, 1895. "Bert" Haynes was a very successful guide, and ran sporting camps for nearly forty years. By a strange turn of fate he was drowned in crossing the lake to his camp in the spring of 1927. The following children were born to them.

Children

1. Jasper H. Haynes, born March 27, 1897.
2. Winifred Haynes, born May 13, 1906.
3. Alberta D. Haynes, born July 25, 1909.

Chapter XII

DESCENDANTS OF SIMEON — HARRIET WILLIAMS AND TILDEN WILLIAMS

HARRIET WILLIAMS (*Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Harriet Williams, daughter of Simeon and Harriet (Kenney) Williams, was born in Great Pond May 1, 1830. She married Samuel Colson Archer of Cherryfield, Me. (born January 25, 1819), in the spring of 1849, and went to Cherryfield to live. Her husband was an educated and talented man, a colonel in the Maine Militia. His house was more or less a centre of social life, for he was a skilful violinist. The bride from the wilderness quite naturally found herself out of her element in such surroundings. Her longing for her own people became so great that about 1860 Samuel Archer disposed of his home in Cherryfield and moved to Great Pond, where he lived the few remaining years of his life. He was an expert brick mason, but the wilderness community offered little opportunity for his skill. When the author was a small boy James Collar took him into the cellar of his home (where Edgar McIninch now lives) and showed him the brick arches and chimney base as a sample of the skill of Samuel Archer. Every brick in the Collar chimney was laid by Grandfather Archer. Samuel Archer died of Brights disease June 20, 1865.

The widow married Hilbert Page Colson (born May 11, 1847) on February 29, 1868. She lived with him for many years in Cherryfield, Great Pond and Wesley, Me. Hilbert Colson died September 28, 1903; Harriet died in July, 1915.

Children by First Marriage

1. John Sewall Archer, born June 16, 1851 (see descendants of John Archer).
2. Claudius Melbourne Archer, born July 4, 1853 (see descendants of Claudius Archer).
3. Adelaide Archer, born May 1, 1855; married Howard Lord, but died young, leaving one son, Wallace Lord, now living in Great Pond. Wallace married Hazel Avery (great-granddaughter of James Williams) and has one child.
4. Isabel Archer, born May 1, 1857. Fell into the fireplace when only a toddling child and received burns from which she died.
5. Vienna Willey Archer, born October 25, 1859. Because the name Vienna was mispronounced "Dana" by the other children, she has gone by that name all her life. As "Dana Williams" or "Mrs. Ezra N. Williams" her name frequently occurs in this history, for she has furnished much information to the author (for her family see James Williams Branch).
6. Ella Belle Archer, born February 9, 1861. She was a very intelligent and talented woman with a sunny disposition that endeared her to all. She married William Gifford, December 25, 1879. He died of consumption two or three years later. She married George Garland, September 1, 1885. One child was born which died in infancy. Ella Garland died in May, 1916. She left an adopted daughter, Gladys Garland, who lives in Boston, Mass.

7. Ida May Archer, born November 8, 1863. She married Rev. Hiram Day of Wesley, Me., about December 10, 1879. She died in March, 1884, leaving one daughter, Ida. Ida Day is married.
8. Lucy Emily Archer, born December, 1864. She married John L. Hanson, at Great Pond, August 17, 1884, but died July 31, 1885, leaving a new-born daughter, who survived her only a few weeks.

Children by Second Marriage[1]

9. Nettie F. Colson, born October 12, 1868, in Great Pond. She married Eugene Bragg (see descendants of Betsy Ann in Chapter IX), April 11, 1886. Bragg was drowned October 12, 1886. Nettie married George Guptill, June 20, 1888, but the marriage turned out unfortunately and she divorced him. She married a third time, February 2, 1893, Justin Day. They have no children.
10. Fred Heabner Colson, born August 31, 1871, in Cherryfield, married Hattie Sarah Davis in Waterville, Me., June 20, 1894. For some years they lived in Wesley, afterward moving to Great Pond, where they now reside. Fred is postmaster and runs a sawmill. He is also road commissioner and has constructed for Great Pond one of the finest gravel highways in the state. Children:
    (*a*) Leonard Oscar Colson, born March 13, 1897, in Waterville, Me.; died October 23, 1899.
    (*b*) Bertha Lillian Colson, born February 19, 1899, in Wesley, Me.; married Derwin George Southard January 15, 1919, and has two children: (1) Frances Lillian, born in Clinton, Me., April 29, 1925, and (2) Morris Derwin, born in Rockwood, Me., November 3, 1926.
    (*c*) Arlo Bowman Colson, born January 30, 1905.
11. Lillian Hattie Colson, born September 12, 1874, in Cherryfield; died in Great Pond of consumption September 6, 1892.

JOHN SEWALL ARCHER (*Harriet,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

John S. Archer was born in Cherryfield, Me., June 16, 1851. He married his first cousin, Frances Martha Williams, born November 11, 1857, daughter of Simeon Williams, Jr. (Simeon,[2] Joshua [1]), and Marilla Marks Spooner.[2] John Archer was for many years a blacksmith and maintained the only smithy in Great Pond. He later became a lumberman; now lives on his farm in Great Pond.

Children

1. Clifford Samuel Archer, born in Great Pond May 10, 1876; lived in Great Pond for years; moved to Dryden, Me.; farmer; died April 24, 1926. Married Susie B. Humphrey October 28, 1902. Children:
    (*a*) Maurice Clifford, born January 14, 1905.
    (*b*) Julia Martha, born September 2, 1907.
    (*c*) Susie Bernice, born August 6, 1909.
    (*d*) Crawford Errol, born December 2, 1910.
    (*e*) Elwood Elisha, born September 4, 1912.
2. Hiram John Archer, born in Great Pond October 15, 1878. Worked in lumber woods until twenty years old. Worked his way through Monmouth (Me.) Academy in 1902 (valedictorian of class). Two years at Boston University, College of Liberal Arts. Underwent several operations and was an invalid for years. While convalescing studied law with his brother Gleason and later won degree of LL.B.

[1] Information furnished by Fred H. Colson of Great Pond, Me.

[2] See "Spooner Ancestry," Chapter XIII.

from University of Maine Law School. Admitted to Massachusetts Bar in January, 1907. Became a teacher in Suffolk Law School in 1907, but returned to Maine because of ill health in 1912 and remained for three years. Became Director of Review Department, Suffolk Law School, in 1915, a position which he still holds. Lives in Middleborough, Mass. Married Helen M. Stinchfield (born January 20, 1884) of Clinton, Me., July 13, 1907. Children:

(*a*) Helen Frances, born August 30, 1909, in Woburn, Mass.
(*b*) Priscilla Carolyn, born September 7, 1912, in Woburn, Mass.
(*c*) Robert Stinchfield, born in Great Pond, Me., June 15, 1914.
(*d*) John Williams, born in Middleborough, Mass., June 5, 1917.
(*e*) Thomas Clifford, born in Middleborough, Mass., October 25, 1918.
(*f*) Elizabeth Hope, born in Middleborough, Mass., July 10, 1921.

3. Gleason Leonard Archer, born in Great Pond, Me., October 29, 1880. Became cook in lumber woods at thirteen and continued in this occupation until he entered Sabattus, Me., High School in October, 1899. Worked as chore boy in doctor's family. Taught school and in last year of high school was reporter for "Lewiston Journal." Graduated from Sabattus High School in 1902 as valedictorian of class. Two years at Boston University, College of Liberal Arts, and then transferred to Law Department, from which he received LL.B. degree in June, 1906. Admitted to Massachusetts Bar in 1906. Founded Suffolk Law School in September of same year. Author of "Law Office and Court Procedure," 1910; "Ethical Obligations of the Lawyer," 1910; "The Law of Contracts," 1911; "The Law of Agency," 1915; "The Law of Torts," 1916; "Equity and Trusts," 1918; "Building a School," 1919; "The Law of Evidence," 1919; "Introduction to the Study of Law," 1919; "Criminal Law," 1923; "The Law of Real Property," 1923; "Wills and Probate," 1925; "The Impossible Task," 1926. Married Elizabeth Glenn Snyder [3] (born April 24, 1884, in New Haven, Conn.) in Gilbertville, Mass., October 6, 1906. Lived for nearly three years in Roxbury, Mass.; five years in Woburn, Mass.; and since 1916 in Boston and Norwell, Mass. In June, 1926, Dean Archer was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the Atlanta Law School, which for some years has been using his textbooks. Children:

(*a*) Allan Frost Archer, born in Boston January 22, 1908.
(*b*) Marian Glenn Archer, born in Woburn, Mass., November 14, 1910.
(*c*) Norman Bradley Archer, born in Woburn, Mass., September 22, 1912, died December 22, 1912.
(*d*) Gleason Leonard Archer, Jr., born in Norwell, Mass., May 22, 1916.

4. Perley Chester Archer, born in Great Pond February 19, 1883; died February 9, 1903.
5. Ella May Archer, born in Great Pond May 29, 1885; died July 13, 1885.
6. Maurice Archer, born in Great Pond October 15, 1886; died November 1, 1899.
7. "Pet," male infant not named, born June 2, 1888; died September 4, 1888.
8. Maude Marilla Archer, born in Great Pond June 1, 1889; married (1) Harry Young (born February 26, 1885) of Livermore Falls, Me., December 14, 1910. One child, Gladys Young, born January 8, 1912. Harry Young died October 10, 1918. Maude married (2) Roy Gordon November 11, 1919, died January 15, 1920; married (3) Roger Gordon March 16, 1921. Lives in Livermore Falls.

[3] Daughter of Rev. Henry S. and Maria L. (Bradley) Snyder. Mrs. Snyder is a descendant of Stephen Bradley, born in Yorkshire, Eng., settled in Guilford, Conn., in 1657. (2) Stephen; (3) John; (4) Aaron; (5) Joseph; (6) George; (7) Charles Leman Bradley, born in 1825; Maria Louise Bradley, eldest daughter of Charles L., born July 24, 1854.

9. Harold Norman Archer, born in Great Pond, Me., July 14, 1891; married Lottie Mandana Nickerson September 30, 1914 (divorced her in July, 1927). One child, Ada Marjorie, born December 8, 1917. Harold is manager of book store at Suffolk Law School. Lives in Boston.
10. Claude Archer, born October 23, 1892; died July 17, 1910.

CLAUDIUS MELBOURNE ARCHER (*Harriet,*[3] *Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Claudius M. Archer was born in Cherryfield, Me., July 4, 1853. His occupation was successively lumberman, hotel proprietor and farmer. He now lives in Bradford, Me. He married Mary Elizabeth Gray of Wesley, Me., May 9, 1881.

Children

1. Susan Colson Archer, born June 16, 1884; died December 29, 1885.
2. Leon Claudius Archer, born August 6, 1885; married Winifred Susan Cool October 7, 1911. Lives in Bradford, Me. Children:
   (*a*) Woodrow Wilson, born November 11, 1912.
   (*b*) Avis Edith, born December 31, 1913.
   (*c*) Winslow James, born June 19, 1916, died April 4, 1918.
   (*d*) Alpha Bethiah, born April 23, 1917.
   (*e, f*) Wesley Clifford and Leslie Claudius, twins, born July 31, 1920. Leslie died in infancy.
   (*g*) Almeda Mary, born June 16, 1924.
   (*h*) Warren Willis, born July 16, 1926.
3. Frances Lord Archer, born September 7, 1887; married Elmer H. Rice April 7, 1904. Children:
   (*a*) Lucy Marie Rice, born March 10, 1906; married Percy Isaac Pray April 4, 1924. Children: (1) Percy Isaac, Jr., born April 16, 1925; (2) Elsie Caroline, born December 6, 1926.
   (*b*) Isabel L. Rice, born May 31, 1908; married Earl Lester Morrison, July 5, 1927.
   (*c*) Lois Elizabeth Rice, born November 1, 1909; died March 2, 1910.
4. Granville Clifford Archer, born July 30, 1889; married Hazel Avery in 1915. Children: Burns, Rosamond and Marguerite.
5. Harriet Myrtle Archer, born October 8, 1890; died February 27, 1910.
6. Lloyd Melbourne Archer, born July 31, 1892; married Emma Zinnie Randall November 18, 1911. Children:
   (*a*) Eloise Victoria, born February 11, 1913.
   (*b*) Erving Wallace, born August 2, 1914.
   (*c, d*) Vinal Elmer and Vernal Claudius, twins, born February 28, 1916.
   (*e*) Lloyd Emery, born August 14, 1917.
   (*f*) Dana Mervin, born May 12, 1919; died June 13, 1919.
   (*g*) Edith Genevieve, born October 13, 1924.
7. Lola Edith Archer, born June 8, 1895; married Fred Clarence Ford, May 9, 1916.
8. Ina Archer, born November 24, 1896; died April 26, 1897.
9. John Samuel Archer, born March 8, 1898.

JOSEPH TILDEN WILLIAMS (*Simeon,*[2] *Joshua*[1]).

Tilden Williams, son of Simeon and Harriet (Kinney) Williams, was born November 10, 1833. He married Helen Dunn of Cherryfield, daughter of Samuel Dunn, Jr., and Julia Ann Archer. They

lived in Great Pond. Tilden died February 23, 1864, leaving the following children.[4]

CHILDREN

1. FREDERICK WILLIAMS, born April 20, 1857. He married Mary A. Collar (see descendants of Mary Williams and Clark Williams) December 31, 1881. He lived in Great Pond until his death, April 15, 1894. Children:
   (*a*) Clarence Herbert Williams, born May 11, 1884; married Daisy Maud Clarry (see descendants of James Williams) August 26, 1905. Children: (1) Dorothy Maud, born December 7, 1906; died December 13, 1906; (2) Eunice Helen, born January 9, 1908; died September 19, 1921; (3) Natalie Lillian, born April 7, 1909; (4) Herbert Clarence, born October 17, 1915; (5) Edward Babcock, born May 28, 1922.
   (*b*) Percy Harland Williams, born September 17, 1885; died February 10, 1906.
   (*c*) Frederick Tilden Williams, born May 3, 1889; married Gertrude May Mumford July 2, 1907. Children: (1) Percy Harland, born February 12, 1908; died August 24, 1924; (2) Ruby Gertrude, born November 4, 1909; (3) Mary Alice, born April 18, 1911; (4) Sidney Clarence, born September 7, 1912.
   (*d*) Alton Harold, twin, born October 3, 1892; died September 4, 1893.
   (*e*) Agnes Helen, twin, born October 3, 1892; died September 5, 1893.
2. ANNIE WILLIAMS, born March 11, 1857; married Stephen Bracey in 1873. By him she had four children. She married (2) Edgar McIninch (see descendants of James Williams). They live in Great Pond. Children:
   (*a*) Lloyd Bracey, born in Cherryfield, Me., December 23, 1876; married Lottie Mabel Niles August 31, 1903. Children: (1) Earl Niles, born July 28, 1904; (2) Linwood, born October 13, 1905; died September 21, 1906; (3) John Frederick, born June 5, 1907; (4) Infant, born dead October 31, 1908; (5) Colby Gardiner, born October 2, 1911.
   (*b*) Geneva Bracey, born April 5, 1879; married Matthew Laughlin in 1898; died in Bangor, Me., February 16, 1920. Children: (1) Donald Matthew, born March 28, 1899; (2) Marguerite Alta, born January 28, 1903; (3) John Maxwell, born January 11, 1911.
   (*c*) Frank Earl Bracey, born February 7, 1882; married Idis H. Clark December 12, 1904. Children: (1) Stephen Harry, born February 3, 1906; (2) Daughter, died at birth January 25, 1908; (3) Glenn Channon, born April 11, 1909; (4) Hilda Nadine, born July 12, 1910; (5) Frank Earl, Jr., born March 8, 1912; (6) Robert Julian, born April 5, 1913; (7) Adria Louise, born July 28, 1914; (8) Shirley Mida, born March 26, 1919; (9) Jay Allisne, born August 10, 1926.
   (*d*) Grace Olive Bracey, born April 28, 1884; married Florian Fisher in the autumn of 1903; died in September, 1906, leaving one child, Grace, who was born November 5, 1905.
3. GRACE S. WILLIAMS, born March 21, 1861; married Albert Mace in May, 1880; died in May, 1887. Children: Horace (who died in childhood), Inez and Carroll.
4. JOSEPH TILDEN WILLIAMS, Jr., born April 1, 1863; died in infancy.

[4] All information concerning descendants of J. Tilden Williams furnished by Mary (Collar) Williams.

Chapter XIII

ARCHER, TUPPER AND SPOONER ANCESTRY

It would be apparent that the Archer blood contributed largely to the Williams family of Plantation No. 33. James Williams started the interalliance by marrying Lucinda Jaques, a granddaughter of John and Elizabeth (Tupper) Archer. Asa Williams followed the example by marrying Direxa Dunn, also a granddaughter. Harriet Williams married Samuel C. Archer, a grandson of the same couple. Melissa Williams, daughter of James, also married a grandson of John Archer in the person of Clark Dunn. Out of a total of fifty-one grandchildren of Simeon Williams, twenty-six were also descendants of John and Elizabeth Archer. No study of ancestral background would be complete without a brief résumé of the Archer and Tupper lines.

Archer Line

The Archer family is of Norman origin, being descendants of Fulbert L'Archere and his son Robert, who came to England in the Norman invasion and whose names are recorded in Battle Abbey as having rendered notable service to William the Conqueror. There was a yet more signal mark of William's favor manifested by his act in entrusting the education of Prince Henry to Robert L'Archere. How efficiently the latter discharged his trust history bears witness, for when the prince came to the throne as Henry I, he was known to the world as "Henry the Scholar."

King Henry showered honors and benefits upon his preceptor. From the beginning, therefore, the Archer family took its place in English society as of the "landed gentry." At the time of the American Revolution the titular head of the family in England was Lord Thomas Archer, Baron of Umberslade.

At this very time John Archer, a highly educated young man who had come to this country in the British Army prior to the Revolution, disgraced his aristocratic relatives in England by renouncing a tyrannical king and espousing the cause of the Colonists. In fact, it was while serving as sergeant major and chemist in charge of the gunpowder laboratory in the little garrison at Machias, Me., that he met, wooed and won Elizabeth Tupper. They were married in Machias by the Rev. James Lyon November 18, 1778.[1]

Marriage, however, did not interfere with the young soldier's service. He continued in the Patriot Army, by repeated enlistments, until the close of the war. His last period of service was in the "Jersey campaign."

After the war he settled for a time in Newburyport, Mass., but

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[1] Maine Historical Magazine, vol. 9 (1894), p. 36.

later went to eastern Maine and assisted in surveying the wilderness and laying it out into townships. He was one of the original settlers of Cherryfield, Me., where he lived to an advanced age. His offspring were numerous in the extreme, — twenty-one children, sixteen boys and five girls, a record even among pioneers. All were born to one wife, Elizabeth (Tupper) Archer.

Further history of the Archer family will follow the Tupper ancestry.

Tupper Line

The first American ancestor of the Tupper family was Thomas Tupper, who embarked from the port of London September 2, 1635.[2] He went first to Saugus (Lynn), Mass., but was one of ten men to whom Plymouth Colony, on April 3, 1637, granted permission "to view a place and set down a town for three score families."[3] The place chosen was Sandwich, Mass.

Thomas Tupper appears to have been very prominent in the affairs of the new town. He was one of eleven male members of the Sandwich church in its early days.[4] He was a deputy or representative in the General Court for nineteen years, beginning in 1646.[5]

The Sandwich church appears to have developed factions, one of which, Thomas Tupper, was the leader. In 1663 the minister left them.

> After the departure of Mr. Leverich from Sandwich, there was no regularly settled minister in town for some years. Mr. Thomas Tupper, known more prominently as Captain Tupper, undertook, although not acceptable to the staunch friends of Rev. Mr. Leverich, to conduct religious services in the meeting house; and, strange to say, though he was without ordination and withal somewhat fanatical and ranting if we are to credit tradition, and often in difficulties with his neighbors, was in favor with the government (of which few of the respectable inhabitants could at that time boast), so that no objection to his officiating was made by court influence.[6]

Tupper was later a preacher to the Indians in Mashpee for many years. He lived to a great age, as will be seen from the following:

> "Mr. Thomas Tupper, Sr., who has all along been conspicuous in Town affairs and as a religious teacher greatly interested in the welfare of the Indians died this year (1676) at a great age. His descendants are numerous." (He died Mar. 28, 1676 at upwards of 98 years). His wife died this same year, age 90.

He was one of the original grantees. He was selectman of the town for many years, Deputy to the general court for nineteen years and filled various offices, besides giving much of his time to the work of "gospelizing the Indians."[7]

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[2] New England Historical and Genealogical Register, vol. 14, p. 355.

[3] Plymouth Records, Book 2, pp. 112, 232; Freeman's History of Cape Cod, vol. I, p. 127; New England Historical and Genealogical Register, vol. 7, p. 226.

[4] Freeman's History of Cape Cod, vol. I, p. 36.

[5] Annals of Sandwich, Freeman's History of Cape Cod, vol. II, p. 168.

[6] Freeman's History of Cape Cod, vol. I, p. 247.

[7] Freeman's History of Cape Cod, vol. II, p. 71.

Whom he married and just how many children he had is uncertain.

Thomas Tupper, Jr., son of the above, is thought to have been born in 1637. He married December 27, 1661, Martha Mayhew (born in Watertown in 1638), daughter of Governor Thomas Mayhew of Martha's Vineyard.

CHILDREN

1. MARTHA, born October 13, 1662.
2. THOMAS, born August 11, 1664.
3. ISRAEL, born September 22, 1666.
4. ELISHA, born March 17, 1668.
5. JANE, born April 28, 1672.
6. ICHABOD, born August 11, 1673.
7. ELDAD, born May 31, 1675.
8. MEDAD, born September 22, 1677.
9. ANN, born December 14, 1679.
10. ELIAKIM, born December 29, 1681.
11. BETHIA, born April 25, 1685.[8]

Thomas Tupper, Jr., seems to have followed in the footsteps of his father. He was selectman of Sandwich for fourteen years. He served as town clerk and also for eight years as a deputy in the General Court.[9] His son, Eliakim Tupper, was also on the board of selectmen of Sandwich for twelve years. Further than this there is little mention of Eliakim. The name of his wife is unknown to the author.

Of Eliakim's son, Eliakim, Jr., however, there is a fairly complete record. He was born June 20, 1711. He married Mary Bassett [10] March 28, 1734, and evidently moved to Plymouth, for we find that on October 2, 1737, Mary joined the First Church of Plymouth, to be followed two weeks later into the same congregation by her husband.[11] Two children were baptized in Plymouth: (1) Mary, on June 1, 1739,[12] and (2) Charles Tupper, on August 21, 1748.[13]

Eliakim Tupper, Jr., later moved to Lebanon, Conn. He became a deacon in the church. He was a representative in the General Court and also a captain in the military protection of the town.

The ousting of the Arcadians from Nova Scotia drew many New England men to that region. Eliakim emigrated to Kings County, N. S., and took up a tract of crown land in 1763.[14]

The oldest child of Captain Eliakim Tupper, Jr., was William

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[8] Genealogical Advertiser, September, 1900; Sandwich Records, p. 76.

[9] Freeman's History of Cape Cod, vol. II, p. 168.

[10] Mary Bassett was descended from a very distinguished family of whom royal ancestry is claimed. The first member to reach America was William Bassett, who came to Plymouth in 1621 on the "Fortune." He later moved to Duxbury and was for five years its deputy in the General Court. He was one of the proprietors and first settlers of Bridgewater in 1651. His son William, Jr., married Mary Burt, daughter of Hugh Burt of Lynn, settled in Sandwich, and was one of its deputies in the General Court. He had a son, William, 3d, who was born in 1656. William, 3d, married Rachel Willison of Taunton October 6, 1675. To this couple was born William Bassett, 4th, who married Abigail Bourne February 3, 1709. On December 24, 1709, Mary Bassett was born. She married Eliakim Tupper, Jr., March 28, 1734.

[11] Church Records, vol II, pp. 522, 525.

[12] Baptisms in First Church, vol. I, p. 432.

[13] Baptisms, vol. I, p. 432. Charles Tupper was grandfather of Sir Charles Tupper, the Prime Minister of Canada.

[14] See Recollections of Sixty Years, by Sir Charles Tupper; also History of County of Annapolis, Savey, p. 615.

Tupper, born July 6, 1735. He married Margaret the daughter of William Gates.[15] Mary, the daughter of William and Mary (Gates) Tupper, was born in Connecticut in 1753.

Evidently William Tupper accompanied his father to Nova Scotia. Why he returned to Maine can be accounted for on the hypothesis that his sympathy for the colonies would not permit him to remain among the loyalists of Nova Scotia. There was a considerable immigration from Nova Scotia to Maine at that time, and the government of Massachusetts took some measures to protect them in a little colony formed at Machias. The fact that William's daughter Elizabeth married a soldier of the patriot garrison is also significant.

The following mention is taken from the "Bangor Historical Magazine:" [16]

Among the early settlers of Machias who came from Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, and vicinity was William Tupper, who came in 1769.

The "Maine Historical Magazine" [17] gives further evidence:

Other settlers came prior to the Revolution, notably Stephen Smith, George Stillman, James Flynn, William Tupper and others.

Like all his forbears William Tupper was an ardent churchman.

In 1774 the first meeting house (Congregational) was built near where the town house now stands. It was built by Stephen Jones, Stephen Smith, James Flynn, David Longfellow, William Tupper . . . at a cost of $220.[18]

William Tupper was chosen as the first town clerk of Machias.[19] He evidently continued to hold the position for some years, certainly as late as 1781.[20]

William Tupper later moved to Jonesboro. He was its first postmaster.[21] It was a daughter of this man who married John Archer, the soldier, and became the mother of the numerous family of twenty-one children. John Archer and Elizabeth Tupper were married in Machias, Me., November 18, 1778. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Lyon.

At the close of the war John Archer and his family lived for a time in Newburyport, Mass. He then returned to the vicinity of Machias and assisted in the surveying of the townships in the eastern wilderness. He also taught school.

He was one of the founders of the towns of Columbia and Cherryfield. The latter became his home. That he was very highly regarded by his townsmen is evidenced by the fact that from the first town

[15] See History of Kings County, Nova Scotia, by Eaton, pp. 845–846.
[16] Vol. 7, p. 22.
[17] Vol. 8, p. 71.
[18] Vol. 8, p. 72; also Drisco's History of Machias, Me., p. 195.
[19] Maine Historical Magazine (1898), p. 84.
[20] Drisko's History of Machias, p. 63.
[21] Bangor Historical Magazine, vol. 6, p. 161.

meeting of Cherryfield in 1807 until the year 1815 John Archer was every year chosen to public office. He was elected collector of taxes and assessor in 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810 and was assessor every year until 1815. He acted as moderator or chairman of the town meeting in 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814 and 1815. During the trying days of the 1812 war he was chairman of a committee of safety, and drew up a petition to the Massachusetts Legislature for military supplies for local defense.

In Milliken's History, "The Narraguagus Valley," [22] occurs the following:

I find in the records the following memorial, evidently the production of the senior John Archer, which I deem of sufficient interest to be embodied in this sketch:

"To His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable, the Council, and the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in General Court assembled: The inhabitants of the Plantation of Cherryfield in the county of Washington, at a legal meeting holden on the eighteenth day of July 1812, for the purpose of consulting upon the common good and welfare of our Country at this eventful and alarming crisis, unanimously voted that the assessors be a committee of safety and correspondence to lay before the Government our situation and sentiments and to request some pecuniary aid. Therefore we beg leave to state to your Excellency and Honorable Body that though we are few in number and though the means of embargo restrictions and other embarrassments on us are reduced to low circumstances in life, yet we trust we are not behind the most opulent in attachment to our Constitutional rights and privileges, the which we are determined to support at the hazard of all that is near and dear to us; . . . for as our situation in the District of Maine is so contiguous to the British lines that it exposes us to every distress and calamity, should they attempt it, without any means in our power to prevent any attack on our shores — therefore feeling our inability of defense and not having resources to furnish ourselves at present we would beg leave to request your Excellency and Honors to take our case into consideration and grant a small supply of arms and ammunition to enable us in case of actual invasion to make a more efficient defense than we now can. The quantum needed is as follows: Ten stands of arms, one half cwt of powder, one cwt of balls or lead, 200 flints and two camp kettles, the which articles so supplied the assessors become responsible for the payment thereof agreeable to the terms and mode as may be directed by the Government, and we indulge the hope and confidence that our Government will do all they possibly can to assist in our perilous situation.

JOHN ARCHER,
JOSEPH ADAMS,
Assessors."

The descendants of John Archer have a right to a thrill of pride in such a masterly letter as this. The soldier and the man of action is here revealed, but there is more than that. Such a letter could be written only by a man of high culture. Familiarity with Latin is evident from some of the expressions used.

[22] Page 21.

There is, moreover, in the author's possession the original manuscript of John Archer's application for a pension written in his own hand April 15, 1818. The penmanship is wonderful. The spelling, even judged by the standards of our own day, is almost without flaw. Its style is worthy of the best traditions of the English universities, in one of which he was undoubtedly trained.

Its closing paragraph reads as follows:

> Should the foregoing be thought worthy of a claim on the National Bounty of last March it will alleviate the necessities of one who is sixty seven years old and has had the numerous family of twenty one children whereof fifteen are living (six dead) viz: eleven sons and four daughters, all married and gone but two sons, minors,[23] living with me and I am in needy and low circumstances at this time.

The third son of John and Elizabeth (Tupper) Archer was John Archer, Jr. Like his father he was prominent in town affairs. When but twenty-three years of age John Archer, Jr., was selected as one of a committee of three to secure the incorporation of the town of Cherryfield. This task was successfully accomplished.

John Archer, Jr., married Lucy Colson who is said to have been a member of the household of General David Cobb. Their daughter, Julia Ann, married Samuel Dunn, Jr., and became the mother of Clark Dunn, who married Melissa Williams, and of Direxa Dunn, who married Asa Williams. Their son, Samuel Colson Archer, born December 25, 1819, married Harriet Williams in 1849. The eldest son of this couple was John S. Archer, who married Frances Martha Williams. The mother of Frances was Marilla M. Spooner, who brought to the Williams family another strong colonial strain of ancestry as will be seen from the following:

Spooner Ancestry

The history of the Spooner family has been written by Thomas Spooner under title of "William Spooner of Plymouth," but unfortunately only the first volume was ever printed. In this volume, however, it is possible to trace the direct line from William Spooner to Leonard Spooner, the father of Marilla. The line is as follows:

1. William Spooner, born ——; died March, 1684; came to Plymouth in 1637; married (1) Elizabeth Partridge, died April 28, 1648; married (2) Hannah (Pratt), supposed to have been a daughter of Joshua and Bathsheba Pratt. Joshua came to America in 1623 and was one of the thirty-six purchasers of Dartmouth, Mass.
2. Samuel Spooner, second child of William and Hannah, born January 14, 1655; died 1739. He married Experience Wing (daughter of Daniel (died 1698) and Anna (Ewer) Wing), born August 4, 1668. Daniel came from England with his parents and settled at Sandwich, Mass.
3. Daniel, fourth child of Samuel and Experience, born February 28, 1694; died 1797. Daniel went from Dartmouth to Newport, R. I., and became a freeman of colony May, 1732; moved to Petersham, Mass., prior to April, 1749. He married Elizabeth (Ruggles) October 10, 1728. She was a daughter of John and Hannah Ruggles and was born October 21, 1710; died August, 1767.

[23] David Cobb Archer, born September 6, 1802, and George H. Archer, born March, 1904.

4. Wing Spooner, sixth child of Daniel and Elizabeth, born December 29, 1738; died December 7, 1810; was a captain in the Revolutionary War; was in the battle of White Plains and other engagements. He married January 27, 1763, Eunice Stevens (daughter of Joseph Stevens), born August 31, 1746; died August, 1838.
5. Stevens, first child of Captain Wing and Eunice, born August 17, 1763; died August 17, 1827. Stevens enlisted in his father's company; was in the battle of Bennington August 16, 1777; married July 2, 1787, Sally Hodgkins (daughter of John and Rebecca (Rice) Hodgkins), born ——; died July 4, 1841. Soon after marrying he removed to Sangerville, Me.
6. Leonard, fourth child of Stevens and Sally, born September 10, 1798. No further mention in Vol. I, "Descendants of William Spooner," but our family record shows that Leonard Spooner married Mary Parsons February 5, 1827. Children:
   (*a*) John P. Spooner, born January 12, 1828; married Jane H. Wakefield April 2, 1856.
   (*b*) Mary J. Spooner, born August 13, 1830; married Frederick Ellis March 22, 1860.
   (*c*) Martha T. Spooner, born January 31, 1833; married Stephen E. Phipps September 22, 1858.
   (*d*) Melvina W. Spooner, born October 25, 1834.
   (*e*) Marilla M. Spooner, born May 10, 1837; died May 4, 1893; married Simeon Williams February 5, 1857.
7. Marilla M. Spooner, married Simeon Williams. Children:
   (*a*) Frances Martha Williams, born November 11, 1857; died December 5, 1905.
   (*b*) Leonard Simeon Williams, born December 1, 1859; living.
   (*c*) Lettie Blanche Williams, born December 22, 1865; living.
8. Frances Martha Williams, married John Sewell Archer in 1875, thus bringing to the Archer-Tupper-Bassett-Williams lines a redoubled strain of Williams blood as well as the Spooner ancestry. Children:
   (*a*) Clifford Samuel, born May 10, 1876; died April 24, 1926.
   (*b*) Hiram John, born October 15, 1878.
   (*c*) Gleason Leonard, born October 29, 1880.
   (*d*) Perley Chester, born February 19, 1883.
   (*e*) Ella May, born May 28, 1885; died July 13, 1885.
   (*f*) Maurice, born October 15, 1886; died November 1, 1899.
   (*g*) "Pet," born June 2, 1888; died September 4, 1888.
   (*h*) Maude Marilla, born June 1, 1889.
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